

# GCFSM SUNDAY

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## THE LORD OUR SALVATION

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Psalm 37 is a wisdom psalm. It follows an alphabetic acrostic wherein the 22 strophes correspond to the Hebrew alphabet. It was written by someone who was well advanced in years and spoke from experience (Psalm 37:25). Unlike most of the psalms, this was addressed to man rather than to God. It is more like proverbs than a song of praise; it gives instructions and assurances to the righteous during times when evil seems to prosper. In such times, the righteous are exhorted to put their trust and find refuge in the Lord our Salvation.

In light of the prevalence of evil, the psalmist exhorted the righteous to trust the Lord's deliverance. The Lord will decisively deal with the unfaithful and "cut them off" (37:9, 22, 28, 34, 38) and He will surely fulfill His promise for the faithful to "inherit the land" (37:9, 11, 22, 34).

The psalmist gave a series of exhortations on how the faithful should conduct themselves in the face of evil. They are to fret not, trust in the Lord, delight in the Lord, commit their way to the Lord, be still before the Lord, and refrain from anger. The one who humbles himself will receive God's promises and experience abundant peace (37:1-11).

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images on God's judgment upon the wicked. They plot against the faithful and cause them trouble, but God will mock them in return. They would draw their sword against the faithful, but God will turn their sword against them. They would have an abundance, but God would send them famine. They would deceive others for financial gain, but God would cut them off (37:12-22).

The psalmist gave a series of blessings to the faithful. God would make them stand firm in the face of challenges; God will never leave nor forsake them; God will provide for them; and God will protect and preserve them (37:23-31).

In the end, the psalmist exhorted the faithful to wait upon the Lord, follow His lead and find refuge in Him in times of trouble. God will not let evil prevail and will eventually remove all wickedness in the face of the earth. He concluded that when wickedness prevails, the Lord is the salvation and stronghold of those who seek refuge in Him (37:32-40).

In this sermon, we will be reminded that in times of trouble, it is wise to wait upon the Lord our Salvation. We should not go ahead of God or take matters into our own hands. But, rather, we need to keep a posture of complete surrender to Christ so we can discern what He wants to do.✠



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ■ THE HUB

NXTGEN Ministry

#### OG: High School Youth Camp Reunion

June 17, 2023 | 4:30-6:30 PM

#### Re-Life College Youth Camp

July 13-15, 2023

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Children's Ministry

#### DVBS

June 19-24, 2023

#### Children's Camp

July 5-7, 2023

#### Music Training

#### Interest Groups

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