
SERMON OUTLINE

Where to Focus in a Wicked World

Psalm 37

I. Don't Fret... about the wicked.

How to avoid worrying about the wicked

- A. Look ahead – Know the future of the wicked.
 - The success of the wicked is temporary; they will be punished (2, 9,13 etc.).
 - They are actually destroying themselves and hurting their children (14-15, 28b).
- B. Look Out – Avoid the effects of anger.
 - If I obsess about other people's evil, I end up angry and making sinful mistakes (8).

II. Focus... on pursuing God.

How to stay God-focused

- A. Look Up – Focus on your relationship with God
 - Obey God (3, 5, 7).
 - Desire God most and your desires will be rewarded (4).
 - Enjoy God's love and faithfulness (28)
- B. Look ahead – Anticipate future blessings
 - Peace through humility (11; Matthew 5:5)
 - Contentment (16)
 - Financial needs met (19, 21, 25-26)
 - Children blessed (26)
 - Security and deliverance in trials (39-40)
 - God eventually vindicates righteousness (5-6).

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