<u>Title</u>: Getting Back on God's Path <u>Text</u>: PS 37:37

This string is like your life, a time line, Or a path to follow like God's will. When we invoke our own will, we veer of onto our own path apart from God's.

This verse, talks of knowing where you are heading. Pointing at a goal for your life.

(Vs 37b) Promises PEACE if you do the First part.

(Vs 37a) To get peace I have to point at WHAT I want my life to BE LIKE.

Vs 38 Destruction is promised to the those that follow their own path.

Illus: Only Dead fish float.

You have to choose now how you want to end up. <u>Illus</u>: The devil has no will for your life other that you not follow the will of God.

To Arrive at the right place, you have to choose, and Take Responsibility to Get there!

(Psa 119:101) *I have refrained my feet from every evil way*, *that I might keep thy word*.

God Gives us the Receipe

(Psa 37:1) *Fret not* thyself because of evildoers, <u>neither be</u> <u>thou envious</u> against the workers of iniquity.

Fret: To Tease, To irritate; To vex; To make angry. *Illus: We think we are missing out on something Good.*

The Devil is scary Smart. He still uses the same 3 traps: (1 Jn 2:16) He made Adam & Eve think they were missing something. He made them believe that God was withholding something

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Envious: Pained with desire over someone's good fortune. To be upset, that it appears they are getting away with sin. (Ps 73:11-16) IS God NOT PAYING ATTENTION? WELL-Forget YOU GOD!

Reality Check:

Sin leads to either Jail or the grave, and eventually to Hell.

(Ps 37:1) is explained by verse 2 (Ps 37:2) For **(Because)** they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

(Prov 16:25) *There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.* (Gal 6:7) *Payday someday!*

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(Psa 37:3) (Trust) in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
 (Prov 3:5-8; Jer 17:7-8)
 (Trust = Needs Met)

(Psa 37:4) (*Delight) thyself also in the LORD*; and he shall give the the desires of thine heart.

Vs 16, Ps 1:2, Prov 15:16 Better is a little....

(Psa 37:5) (*Commit) thy way unto the LORD*; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

(Psa 37:6) And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Give Him your future, your career. (Ps 25:12-13) What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach **in the way that he shall choose**. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

(Psa 37:7) (Rest) in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Vs 34 Wait upon the Lord!!! (Is 40:31) renew their strength; (John 15:4-7) He is the Vine! Get plugged in & stay plugged in
(Job 23:10-11) But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

(Psa 37:8) (*Cease) from anger*, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

(Psa 37:9) For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

Do not allow the devil to frustrate you into a hasty decision, or a stupid idea.

God Brings them Back: (Ps 107:4-7) *They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.*

The WAY Back: Confession & Repentance: (1Jn1:9, Ps 51)

The farther you go, the greater the Course Correction:

The Greater the Effort. The Greater the Loss. The Greater the Sorrow! The Devil knows how to get you to think that you can NEVER COME BACK.

HE IS A LIAR!

You CAN Come Back. But will you be willing to humble yourself to do it?

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