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When Wickedness Appears to Win

Psalm 37

English Services

(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Community Prayer
Baptism (*morning services*)
Worship through Fellowship
Anthem
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Elder Ave Gaspar
Worship through Giving
Benediction

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan
Panalangin ng Komunidad
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Tanging Bilang
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor Dags Miguel
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Tugon na Awit
Bendisyon

See inset inside for the **Traditional Service (Sat., 6 p.m.)** program.

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Today's Message (7/8 March 2020) / *Psalm 37*

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Traditional Service

(March 7, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

Community Prayer

Worship Through Fellowship

Worship Through Giving

Preparatory Hymn

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Elder Ave Gaspar

Response Hymn

Benediction

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever asked yourself the question “why do people who do evil things appear to be doing well? Why do they seem to be getting away with their evil deeds?”

On the other hand, those who try to live righteously, as faithful servants of God, appear to be the ones who get into all kinds of trouble. Doesn't God see all these? What promises and assurances can we hold on to as we encounter wickedness around us?

Psalm 37 provides four instructive truths for believers who face the reality of evil and wickedness in this world. Let us consider how the psalmist found R.E.S.T. in these redemptive promises.

I. THE BELIEVER'S RIGHTEOUS

R_____ (vv. 1-11)

- a. Do not fret and do not be envious (vv. 1-2, 8).
- b. Trust in the Lord and do good (vv. 3-8).
 - i. Delight in the Lord (v. 4).
 - ii. Commit your way to the Lord (v. 5).
 - iii. Be still and wait patiently for Him (v. 7).
 - iv. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath (v. 8).
- c. Consider the destiny of the righteous vs the evildoer (vv. 9-11).

II. THE BELIEVER'S E_____

PROTECTION (vv. 12-22)

- a. The Lord laughs and frustrates the schemes of the wicked (vv. 12-15).
- b. The Lord upholds the righteous even in evil times and in famine (vv. 16-19).

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- c. The Lord's enemies will perish while the Lord's blessed will inherit the land (vv. 20-22).

III. THE BELIEVER'S S _____ STANDING (vv. 23-29)

- a. The Lord restores the righteous when he falls (vv. 23-24).
- b. The Lord preserves the righteous and blesses his children (vv. 25-28A, 29).
- c. The Lord's judgment upon the children of the wicked (v. 28).

IV. THE BELIEVER'S T _____ PROMISES (vv. 30-40)

- a. God will not abandon the righteous in the hands of the wicked (vv. 30-33).
- b. God will exalt those who wait faithfully upon Him and will destroy the wicked (vv. 34-38).
- c. God is our salvation, our stronghold and our deliverer as we take refuge in Him (vv. 39-40).

FINAL THOUGHTS

Now that we know the gruesome destiny of the wicked, which is judgment, in contrast to the glorious destiny of the righteous, whom God preserves and saves for all eternity, how can we even think about envying or being agitated when we see wickedness flourish in this world? How should we feel about these people whose destiny is sure destruction? Should we feel some kind of relief, or some satisfaction that we shall see them perish in the end?

In Ezekiel 18:23, we see God's gracious desire to save the lost when He said, "Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?"

Friends, perhaps, our encounter with these people, though harmful and devastating at times for some, may be the only chance they have to hear God's offer of salvation to them! So the next time we see them, will we tell them about Jesus? ■

'EXCELLENCE IN HEART, NOT JUST IN ART'

I wish I came up with this “quotable quote,” but I simply heard it from a fellow church worker and brother in Christ. While the conversation was in the confines of a formal meeting, it came at a point in the discussion where I was reflecting on my own personal witness and that of those who serve alongside me in the frontline. If we are to truly heed to the call of a worship leader, we should first be worshippers—worshipping with the right heart and mind, imperfect yet marked by God’s mercy and grace.

Providentially, our Growth Group went through a meaningful study of John 4 where we find the anthemic verse 23: “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.” To worship the Lord individually and as a body, privately and publicly—it has to be from within and from the Word.

Church family, this is why our regular and special worship services have a simple format and contain simple elements. In our context as GCF Ortigas, it is intentional that the sermon is the emphasis through the time spent and preaching approach in order for us to worship “in truth.” It is intentional that certain songs are chosen perhaps at the expense of

more memorable melodies, and the time to pray is lengthened in order for us to worship “in spirit.” Do not get me wrong, my 33 year-old self continually prays that our gatherings do not become unrelatable and irrelevant especially to the Ortigas community. It is a journey to find that godly balance, and I am thankful for the blessings of tradition, today, and tomorrow. In all these, we your worship leaders hope and pray that we worship and lead with excellence in heart, not just in art. May the Lord be pleased with the heart that is unseen, and bless it through the art that is most seen.

Let us worship worshipfully, fellow worshippers.

WELCOME TO THE PULPIT, ELDER AVE GASPAR

As our Senior Pastor Larry Pabiona preaches at GCF Batangas for their church anniversary today, Elder Ave Gaspar will expound on Psalm 37 for us. He will preach a sermon that he excellently preached first to the GCF Preaching Mentoring Team that meets every Tuesday night. Elder Ave is not only currently the Vice Chairman of the Board of Elders, he also serves as the General Manager of Getz Pharma, a multinational pharmaceutical company whose products are well-known to the Philippine market. Let us praise God and listen for His word to our hearts through Vice Chair Elder Ave ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULES:

Sunday Vesper

Now at **5:00 p.m.** instead of 5:30 p.m.

Saturday Traditional

5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.
starting **April 4, 2020**

Schedules of other weekend worship services remain the same.

INT'L WOMEN'S DAY

We invite you to visit the booths of the Women's Ministry at the lobby (Sunday) and get to know the different groups that make it up.

GOOD AND PERFECT GIFTS

Perspectives on Singlehood and Marriage as Blessings from God

Speakers: Rhods Uy, Alvin Ceasar Olanday, and Aleks & Daphne Tan. Open to everyone.
March 14 (Sat), 1:30-4:00 p.m. here at GCF.
Contact **0917 532 7693** to pre-register.

CHISMISSIONS

Conversations about and from the mission field

Guest: Gentle Hands Orphanages
March 15 (Sun), 12:00-2:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. For more details, please contact **0932 371 3457**.

BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE 1

For dating, engaged, and married couples

March 21, 28, & April 4 (Sats), 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. To register, please visit the ministry information booth.
Contact **0917 532 7713** for more details.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God for His grace and mercy by an anonymous donor, the Basilad family and the Valera family. Please call 8632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

DISCIPLE-MAKING EVENTS

Growth Group Express (GGEx)

Mixed group

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Rm. B124

Sunflowers Growth Group

Group for women

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Rm. B506

Burning Hearts Chronicles Growth Group

Group for couples

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Rm. B123

Jars of Clay Growth Group

Group for women

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Rm. B512

*For those interested in joining any of the groups above, please text or call us at **0917 779 1549**, or fill-out the tear-off form and give to the ushers or drop in one of the offering bags/boxes.*

YOUTH **LiVE** SERVICE

Every Saturday, for high school and college students

5:00 p.m. at Auditorium A
Y-groups meet after the service

YOUTH **LiVE** PRAYER HUDDLE

Every Friday

7:00 p.m. at the Youth Center

GG Leaders' Training 1

March 1, 8, 15, 22 (Sun)
12 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Youth Center

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / March 2020

MARCH	Projected	Rcvd., Mar. 1-5	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Mar. 5
General Funds	9,996,946	1,706,010	General Funds	26,904,033	17,211,093
Mission Support Fund	1,506,584	302,886	Mission Support Fund	3,684,391	1,826,292
Others (Designated, etc.)	924,519	616,800	Others (Designated, etc.)	2,628,778	4,170,598
TOTAL	12,428,049	2,625,697	TOTAL	33,217,202	23,207,983

Women: Encouraging and supporting each other

BY JIRAH ENDOSO

I was at a point in my life last year where I didn't know what my next step would be. For many months, I have been waiting and praying for a job. I sent applications and attended interviews but didn't get any job offers. I struggled as I saw my friends getting accepted into jobs they applied for and enjoying their work life. I wondered, "When will the right job come?" At that time, I was also seeking God regarding my desire to take up further studies but nothing was really clear at the moment. It was then that I asked God to teach me something new while I was in a period of waiting.

I was invited to become part of the Women's Ministry through SHE's Apples of Gold mentoring series. At first, I was hesitant due to my fear of uncertainty, but as the weeks went by, I found myself enjoying the training and topics. It was also great to learn alongside women from different age groups and backgrounds. After graduating from the training, we were given the opportunity to serve as assistant table leaders at last year's Mugs 'n' Muffins, as well as at the 3Rs Retreat for Women. We were paired with other women leaders who have been serving longer in the ministry so we could shadow them and learn more by observing how they did it. It was then that I realized that there's so much I can improve

on even in the way I facilitate my Sunday Y-group.

Towards the end of last year, I finally got a call from one of the companies I applied in. I didn't really know if this was the job God has prepared for me, but I prayed, asked for prayers, and stepped out in faith. To make the long story short, I got the job. I'm grateful to God for giving me this job because I'm enjoying it despite my reservations before. I am also grateful to the women who journeyed with me last year when I was going through a period of uncertainty. They helped me get through and they are still mentoring me and leading me today.

Even in the Bible, God used women to fulfill His will in the world, even if they weren't seen as much. I have in mind Ruth and Naomi, Mary Magdalene and the women who brought the news of the Lord's resurrection with them, and Eunice and Lois, Timothy's mother and grandmother, respectively. They had an important impact when they worked together, and the world is better because of them.

I believe that's how it should be. In a society where women are pitted against each other, Christian women should go against the grain and support each other, in ministry and in life ■

PRAYER
at the Chapel

The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.

Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Weeknight Prayer Gatherings
Except Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

ON THE COVER: *But the wicked will perish; the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures; they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.—Psalm 37:20 (photo by Ales Krivec, unsplash.com).*



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How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth.
Please check all that is applicable:

- ☐ I am a first-time guest.
- ☐ I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord for the first time today.
- ☐ I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- ☐ I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- ☐ **I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- ☐ I want to start a Growth Group.
- ☐ I want to host a Growth Group.

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: **8/7 March 2020**

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

Consent to use your information:

By affixing your signature below, you give permission to Greenhills Christian Fellowship, its ministries and its staff, to store and use the information you provided above for the sole purpose of contacting you and updating you about any inquiry you have made.

Your signature

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
Sin demands a penalty: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.