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PSALM 37:4-7a

One of the Bible verses I love and committed to memory years ago is Psalm 37:4. Since our English translations are somewhat limited at times in the scope of its meanings, I have consulted Strong's Concordance for the original and essential meanings of the Hebrew words. Having studied them under counsel of Holy Spirit, here is how I see Psalm 37:4-7a. I will write it in the paraphrase that is given to me.

Verse 4: Be soft and pliable (delight) in (the hands of) the LORD, and He shall give you the requests (desires or petitions) of your heart.

Verse 5. Roll with the LORD. Put your full and absolute confidence in Him, and He shall bring to pass what He has in store for you....

Verse 6: ...which is your righteousness in Him like the light of day, and your verdicts like the brightness of the noonday sun.

Verse 7a: Be astonished with Him; dance with Him.

This paraphrase gives a very different feeling than the many various English translations, yet it is entirely within the scope of meanings derived from the original words, and with the expanded "eyes" of Holy Spirit, our Counselor and Teacher.