

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: RELIGION & POLITICS – Ps 37

Main Text: Psalm 37

Sermon Description: A Subtitle for this message could be: “Christianity is in our National Interest”. In the dated American tradition of 'election sermons', Jedediah Morse is quoted as saying: “To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys.” In contrasting illustration, the continent of Africa has instituted some 500 plus constitutions in just 60 short years... What is the difference between this kind of instability and an enduring republic? Ps 37 tells us exactly. Let us listen, learn, and worship as we hold ourselves to the standard of this poetic manifesto from the magistrate/musician!

HEADING: PSALM 37 CONSIDERED IN 5 ENLIGHTENING STANZAS:

1. IMPERATIVE CONCERNS (PS 37:1-8)

- a. Acrostic / wisdom literature
- b. Intrinsic application
- c. Commands and worship

2. NATIONAL DEFENSE (Ps 37:9-15)

- a. Wait vs. Fret
- b. Dispositions
- c. Self destructing enemies

3. DOMESTIC POLICY (Ps 37: 16-26)

- a. Economic bottom line
- b. Famine and currency
- c. Generational perspective

4. JURISPRUDENCE (Ps 37:27-34)

- a. Righteousness
- b. Justice
- c. Law

5. SOCIAL SECURITY (Ps 37:35-40)

- a. Future hope
- b. Closing themes
- c. 3 part application

Conclusion: Are we following David's example by engaging in the political discourse of our day in an authoritative, meaningful, Biblical way through the worship of the church?

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Whole Psalm	Theme: Concerns	Theme: Defense	Theme: Economics	Theme: Law	Theme: Security
Verses: Ps 37	Verses: Ps 37:1-8	Verses: Ps 37:9-15	Verses: Ps 37:16-26	Verses: Ps 37:27-34	Verses: Ps 37:35-40