Communion Meditation – Psalm 37

Psalm 37.12-15 The Lord Laughs March 25th, 2012

Five (5) Persons or Groups are Identified

- 1. the <u>wicked</u> (**v12 and v14**)
- 2. the just (**v12**)
- 3. the <u>Lord</u> (**v13**)
- 4. the poor and needy (v14a)
- 5. the <u>upright in conduct</u> (v14b)
- Are the just, poor & needy & upright in conduct the same?
 - I don't know but I'm not sure they are
 - <u>III</u>: LA riots after <u>Rodney King</u> verdict
 - Another name comes to mind as easily (<u>Reginald Denny</u>)

Five (5) Actions of these Persons/Groups Mentioned

- 1. the wicket <u>plot</u> (v12a)
- 2. the wicked gnash their teeth (v12b)
- 3. the wicked draw their sword (v14a)
- 4. the wicked <u>bend their bow</u> (v14b)
- 5. God <u>laughs</u> (v13)

Four (4) points about the Wicked

- 1. the <u>heart</u> of the wicked (v12)
- 2. the <u>actions</u> of the wicked (v14a)
- 3. the <u>aim</u> of the wicked (v14b)
- 4. the <u>end</u> of the wicked (v15)
- Spurgeon: "Why need we fret at the prosperity of the wicked when they are so industriously ruining themselves while they fancy they are injuring the saints?"
 - o Saul takes his own life with his own sword
 - $\circ~$ Haman is hanged on his own gallows in place of Mordecai
 - $\circ~$ Samson is brought out to entertain the Philistines and he kills them all

As God's children we should be reassured by His laughter We ourselves may be afraid and are not in a position to laugh But Psalm 2.5 explains what God will do <u>after</u> He laughs ~ And our God is true