

2. Psalm 37..a much longer psalm

- a. Note again how our first three pastoral points are reflected in this psalm:

1 ...vs. 31
2 ...vs. 23, etc.
3 ...vss 3-8

These are minimal references for our points but they show us the concrete nature of that material.

- b. Titular note: God's Just Providence (Jensen)
c. Questions (developed from page 26)

(1) Historical background:

We do not know but I think it is the time of Absalom's rebellion...it could fit into the days of the Saul affair or even when David was under the judgment of God for the numbering sin. So we may speculate but we are certain it was a time of testing and renewal for David.

(2) Literary features:

Four stanzas are apparent:

1-11
12-22
23-34
35-40.

The more extensive the writing the more important to observe the stanza divisions for seeing the message of the whole. I will offer a brief reminder on how we discern these.

Notice how the last verse of each stanza (11, 22, 34, 40), end on a common note. You don't think that is accidental, do you?

And note the verbs, particularly those in vss 1-8 (and the envelope that 1-8 indicates).