

Bible Study 08-13-2025

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-5, NKJV Jeremiah 12:1-6

Title: When Submission Hurts

The key to successful and right living is submission to God. Relinquishing all control in every aspect of our lives over to Him. In effect we are saying, "God You are sovereign, I trust you." But how? In the state of submission we take the right action and put on trust, obedience, patience, and humility as we delight ourselves in the Lord: *The One who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (Eph. 3:20).*

**2 Corinthians 3:5** *Not that we are sufficient (adequate) of ourselves to think (consider) anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency (adequacy) is of God;. And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness...* **2 Corinthians 12:9**

**Psalm 37** teaches us to trust in the Lord and wait patiently for Him to act. Trusting and waiting are difficult. God will move when the time is right, but in the meantime: **Psalm 37 KJV**

**1** *Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.*

**2** *For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.*

**3** *Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*

**4** *Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*

**5** *Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.*

As we navigate through the rough patches of life, let us remember to portray God as the Good Shepherd He is. Follow His lead and patiently wait for Him to ACT or move in accordance to His perfect will. Submitting to God includes putting off irritation, bitterness, envy and anger. One reason we get irritated is because it seems like evil men prosper and their deeds go unpunished. If we adhere to these five verses, our time would be better utilized and well spent. Avoid being envious. We must submit to God by judging our own envy.

Asaph **Psalm 73:3** *"For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."*

Evil is a temporary condition in the universe. One day God will destroy it. But for now, He uses even the evil intentions of people for His good purposes.

**Psalm 147:5** NLT *"How Great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension. (Please take time to read all of Psalm 37 in its entirety.)*

\*How deep is your love? Let us examine ourselves. Real love is rooted and grounded so deeply in our Savior that it produces right actions motivated by genuine love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dottie Peoples sings, "It's So Hard to Get Along"

**John 15:5** *"...For without me ye can do nothing."* **1 Peter 5:7** *"...cast all your care upon Him;"*.

We must understand that God wants our service to extend and reach beyond our own personal growth to acts of kindness, charity, justice, and generosity.

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** reminds us to fight the good fight and finish the race, and remain faithful. For the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of His return. And the prize is not just for me, but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing. NLT

**Proverbs 16:3** KJV

*Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.*

Whenever we withhold or slack on our assignment, we withhold good from someone it is due.

**Weary in Well-Doing:**

**Jeremiah 12**

**1** *Righteous are You, O Lord, when I plead with You; Yet let me talk with You about Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?*

**2** *You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; They grow, yes, they bear fruit. You are near in their mouth But far from their mind.*

**3** *But You, O Lord, know me; You have seen me, And You have tested my heart toward You. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter.*

**4** *How long will the land mourn, And the herbs of every field wither? The beasts and birds are consumed, For the wickedness of those who dwell there, Because they said, "He will not see our final end."*

The Lord answers Jeremiah

**5** *"If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, In which you trusted, they wearied you, Then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?"*

**6** *For even your brothers, the house of your father, Even they have dealt treacherously with you; Yes, they have called a multitude after you. Do not believe them, Even though they speak smooth words to you.*

If you have a question, just ask. Break the cycle of wrong thinking. Ask and get understanding. Jeremiah asked, "Why?" Why do the evil doers get a way with their sinful deeds and the faithless live at ease? Why do You allow this to happen? Why do You allow them to continue? Why are You not doing anything?

God is not indifferent to their sin. Yes it matters and yes He is concerned. The reality: Seasons are unavoidable appointments assigned by God. He holds the will, purpose and plan to life.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1** *To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.*

God has given man free-will to choose in life and a short season to express themselves, eventually, they will give an account to God. God's response is always right.

**Nahum 1:3 NIV** *The Lord is slow to anger, but great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.*

**James 1:19 KJV** *Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:*

God answers Jeremiah with His focus on His servant. When we suffer we tend to look for the nearest exit rather than seek out God's divine purpose. Simply ask and move on. "Lord, what is the lesson here?" God's servants must live by God's promises and not by explanations. We are curious by nature. Explanations will satisfy our curiosity for a moment, but we must choose to exercise our faith in Christ Jesus, grab hold of God's promises which will build our character and make us better servants.

**James 1:4** *"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."*

Jeremiah, If you believe your current situation is bad, what will you do when things get really bad?

**Romans 8:31** *"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"*

Without a doubt, God could handle Jeremiah's issue, but God couldn't force His servant to grow. Only Jeremiah could make that choice by staying in the race, accepting new challenges, and thereby maturing in the Lord. God is concerned not only about the things happening in His world but also about the spiritual development of His servants.

Song: Rev. Milton Brunson and The Thompson Community Singers, "Just Ask In My Name"