

DEPOSIT TREASURE IN HEAVEN

(Psalm 37:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

If I lost all earthly treasure, would I lose my faith, too?

What happens to earthly treasure: (Mtt. 6:19-21) "moth, rust, thieves" and add to that: broken, lost, in storage, misplaced, disaster (fire, flood, tornado, etc.), etc.

7 PRINCIPLES TO DEFEAT DAYS OF DESTRUCTION

1. DECIDE TO TRUST IN THE LORD - (v3) "Trust in the Lord ... "

(v5) "trust also in him" (v40) "they trust in him"

We find stability in this unstable world when we trust in God.

(v25) When material loss occurs, God promises to meet our needs.

2. DO THINGS THAT HONOR THE LORD - (v3) "... and do good ... "

The first principle is "think right," and this principle is "do right."

(1 Timothy 6:17-19) key words of the text: "are rich ... uncertain riches ... that they do good ... be rich in good works ... distribute ... share ... laying up in store ... lay hold on eternal life"

3. DWELL ON THE LORD'S FAITHFULNESS - (v3) "... you shall be fed"

(Psalm 23) "I shall not want ... green pastures ... still waters ... restores my soul ... fear no evil"

4. (v4) "DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD"

"Delight" - to have great joy or pleasure; happy; to rejoice.

(Neh. 8:10) "do not sorrow; for the joy of the Lord is your strength" and (Psalm 16:11)

"Delight" is found six times in (Psalm 119) (v16, 35, 69-70, 77, 92, 174)

5. (v5) "(DEDICATE) COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE LORD ... "

How can that help when I've suffered loss?

(Psalm 10:14, 46:1, 55:22; 1 Peter 5:7)

6. (v7) "... DO NOT FRET ... "

"Fret" - to eat away; gnaw; disturb; annoy; worry; irritated.

"Fret" found four times in the Bible: (Psalm 37:1, 7, 8; Proverbs 24:19)

(Psalm 37) reasons not to "fret" over evil doers: (v2, 10, 20, 34, 35-36)

7. (v7) DISCIPLINE: "REST IN THE LORD, WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM ... "