



**Series:** Seasons in the Psalms, Reflections on God and the Significance of the Soul

**Passage:** Psalm 37:5-20

**Title:** The Two Paths in Life, Part 2

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**Discussion Starter** – What purpose do you think God had in your creation? Does His ultimate purpose for you affect the goals you have for your life, (both long-term goals as well as short-term)?

### Read Psalm 37:5-11

1. How are the meek described in these verses? What actions do they take? What actions do they avoid? How are they tempted? What is their reward?
  - a. Considering the description given in these verses, do you consider yourself meek? Which characteristic do you find least descriptive of your life? Which do you think are most descriptive?
2. Jesus quoted verse 11, “the meek will inherit the earth” in His Sermon on the Mount, (Matt 5:3-12). How do the other beatitudes complete the description of those who are “blessed”? What is this blessing?
3. How did Jesus demonstrate meekness during His arrest, trials, torture, and crucifixion?
4. What is the promised reward for “the meek”? Is this exclusively a future promise, or is there a present-day realization to be expected? (Luke 17:20-21, “the kingdom of God is within you”)
5. God’s rule over the earth is a common theme throughout the Bible, Read Psalm 2:6-12 and Isaiah 2:1-4. What other verses did you find that reinforced God’s ultimate plan for the earth?
  - b. How does knowing God’s plan to establish His rule on earth affect your ability to rest and/or trust Him?

### Review Luke 19:11-26

6. Why did Jesus tell this parable? What reality is this parable describing?
7. What is a mina? What are your minas?
8. What does it mean that a person’s minas were able to earn additional minas? What is the reward for earning minas?
  - c. How do you recognize your minas in your daily life? How are they used successfully? How might they be abused?

### Read Psalm 37:12-20

9. What different terms are used to identify the two groups of people that are at odds throughout this Psalm?
10. How are “the just” instructed to respond to “the wicked”? How can you invest your minas into their lives?
  - d. How do you respond when you observe the wicked being successful, or escaping punishment, or abusing the defenseless without consequences? Where can we find strength or confidence that even overcomes fretting?
  - e. How does God’s clear and sure promise of a restored kingdom under His just rule encourage and empower you to remain meek in the face of injustice? What steps can you take to strengthen your personal confidence, and the confidence of people in our circles, in God’s promise?