

- 7 Rest in the LORD,  
and wait patiently for him:  
fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,  
because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
- 8 Cease from anger,  
and forsake wrath:  
fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
- 9 For evildoers shall be cut off:  
but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
- 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*:  
yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*.
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth;  
and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Psalm 37:8 is an excellent example of God's synonymous parallelism, giving three synonymous instructions regarding how the Godly are *not* to respond to violations of God's design and those who do them. Thus, God designed the three lines to be taken as one composite statement, incorporating all the interrelated, involved ideas into one "statement." It further develops verse 7, and then verses 9-11 give the ground or reason for verse 8. The ground or reason is introduced by the word *kiy*, "because, for." The verse is composed of three lines:

- 1 Cease from anger (*at those who violate*)
- 2 Forsake wrath (*at those who violate*)
- 3 "Stop" heating yourself for violating ones (or their evil deeds).

All three verbs, *cease*, *forsake*, and "stop" (indicated by the negative *al*) are synonymous . . . three ways of looking at the emotions that well up within us so easily, so readily, when we learn of or are faced with evil and its doers.

All three nouns, *anger*, *wrath*, and *fretting yourself* ("making yourself hot") are all emotional responses which every human can control with himself, especially believers.

God designed His human creatures to be controlled by their knowledge and understanding of Him. Certainly, they would experience these emotions, but when not kept in firm control, these "feelings" would interfere with accurately representing the Creator and His design, and the result would be an improper testimony to all who witnessed.

7 דָּוִם | לַיהוָה  
וְהִתְחַלֵּל לוֹ  
אֶל־תִּתְחַר בְּמַצְלִיחַ דְּרָכּוֹ  
בְּאִישׁ עֹשֶׂה מְזֻמוֹת:

8 הָרָף הַרָף  
וְעָזַב חַמָּה  
אֶל־תִּתְחַר אֶדְ-לְהָרַע:

9 כִּי־ מְרַעִים יִכְרִתוּן

וְקוֹנֵי יְהוָה הַמָּה יִירְשׁוּ־אָרֶץ:

וְעוֹד מְעַט וְאֵין רָשָׁע וְהַתְּבוֹנֶנֶת עַל־מְקוֹמוֹ וְאֵינְנוּ: 11 וְעַנְוִים יִירְשׁוּ־אָרֶץ וְהַתְּעַנְּגוּ  
עַל־רֵב שָׁלוֹם: 10

TAR Ps. 37:7 שְׁתוֹק<sup>1</sup> אִמְתִּין קִדְם יְהוָה וְאוֹרִיךְ לִיה לֹא<sup>1</sup> תִגְרַג<sup>2</sup> תִּרְגַּג בְּרִשְׁיָעָא דְמַצְלַח אוֹרְחִיהּ  
בְּגַבְרָא דְעַבְדַּ עֵיצַת חֲטָאִין: 8 אוֹרִיךְ מִרְגַּ(י)[ו]ז וְשְׁבוֹק רִיתְחָא לֹא<sup>1</sup> תִגְרַג<sup>2</sup> תִּרְגַּג בְּרִם  
לֹאֲבֹאֲשָׂא: 9<sup>1</sup> מְטוֹל<sup>2</sup> אַרוֹם דְּמַבְאֲשִׁין יִשְׁתִּיצוֹן וְדַסְבְּרִין בְּמִימְרָא דִיהוּהּ הִינוּן יִירְתוּן אַרְעָא: 10  
וְתוֹב כּוֹזְעִיר וְלִית רִשְׁיָעָא וְתַתְּבִין עַל אַתְרִיהּ וְלִיתוּי: 11 וְעִינוּתְנִין יִרְתוּן אַרְעָא וְיִתְפַּנְקוּן עַל  
סְגִיעוֹת שְׁלֹמָא:

LXT Ps. 36:7-11 ὑποτάγηθι τῷ κυρίῳ καὶ ἰκέτευσον αὐτόν μὴ παραζήλου ἐν τῷ κατευοδουμένῳ ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ  
αὐτοῦ ἐν ἀνθρώπῳ ποιοῦντι παρανομίας 8 παῦσαι ἀπὸ ὀργῆς καὶ ἐγκατάλιπε θυμόν μὴ παραζήλου ὥστε  
πονηρεύεσθαι 9 ὅτι οἱ πονηρευόμενοι ἐξολεθρευθήσονται οἱ δὲ ὑπομένοντες τὸν κύριον αὐτοὶ κληρονομήσουσιν  
γῆν 10 καὶ ἔτι ὀλίγον καὶ οὐ μὴ ὑπάρξῃ ὁ ἁμαρτωλὸς καὶ ζητήσεις τὸν τόπον αὐτοῦ καὶ οὐ μὴ εὕρης 11 οἱ δὲ  
πραεῖς κληρονομήσουσιν γῆν καὶ κατατρυφήσουσιν ἐπὶ πλήθει εἰρήνης