

BLESSED IS THE MAN!

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The book of Psalms teaches us many powerful and wonderful lessons. Most of the teaching is very clear and vivid. Such is the case with the first Psalm. Let us examine this short psalm (six verses) and see what we can learn.

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;" {Psalms 1: 1} When is a man blessed? When he: does not walk according to the counsel of the wicked; does not stand in the way of sinners; does not sit in the seat of the scornful. These are people the blessed man will avoid! Why? Because they lead him away from God!

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night." {Psalms 1:2} Instead, this man: delights in the Law of God; he meditates upon the law day and night. Do you see the difference? One is seeking good instruction by going to the right source. Meditate means to give attendance to, with practice, and diligence. This will truly bring one blessings from God!

"He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper." {Psalms 1:3} Why will all things "prosper"? They are grounded, settled and firmly established; being by water, strength can be gained; brings forth fruit, means productivity; at the appropriate time, steadfastness will be evident. This makes one's work prosper.

"The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away." {Psalms 1:4} No firm hold, no stability; they are clearly at the mercy of others. No strength can be gained, no fruit produced. Why? No source is available!

"Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." {Psalms 1:5} The ungodly cannot be successful in their judgment because no true standard is consulted. These will not be righteous people; they have nothing in common with the righteous.

"For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish." {Psalms 1:6} God is mindful and approves of the way of the righteous. He is also mindful of the path which the wicked chooses and will bring condemnation upon them! God knows all things and His judgment is always correct!

In this first psalm we have many other lessons which we can learn. Let me offer a few for your consideration.

There are "**two kinds**" of people. Good and wicked. In judgment, we have "two classes" of people: the wicked and righteous. There is no middle ground with God. Which side are you on? It will depend on which "law" you delight in— God's or the devil's!

There are "**two kinds**" of action. One either accepts the law of God and reacts according to His will, or one rejects God's will, reacting to do his own will. Which is for you?

Man just has "**two destinies.**" Heaven or Hell. No middle ground. One will be lost or saved. Which is for you? Again it depends on the choice in these other areas. Please be assured, you will be sentenced to one or the other! It is possible, necessary, and desirable that one have divine favor in his comer! Which man best describes you? ***