

The Happy Man of Psalm 1

TEXT: Psalm 1

INTRODUCTION:

- A. SOME OF GOD'S MOST PROFOUND MESSAGES FOUND IN PSALMS.
- B. BEAUTIFUL LANGUAGE OF PRAYER.
- C. THE RIGHTEOUS & HIS LOT CONTRASTED WITH THE WICKED.

I. HOW IS THE RIGHTEOUS MAN CHARACTERIZED?

A. NEGATIVELY:

1. **“Walks not in the counsel of the wicked.”** Manner of life.
 - a. Not conformed to this world(**Rom. 12:2**).
 - b. We are a changed people(**2 Cor. 5:17**).
 - c. God's people reflect Him(**1 Pet. 2:9-10**).
 - d. he heeds not the world's counsel(**Col. 2:8; Isa. 55:8-9**).
2. **“Stands not in the way of sinners”** – Refers to association and consents.
 - a. What happened to Peter?(**Luke 22:54-55**).
 - b. Lot? (**Gen. 13**).
 - c. We are to be separate(**2 Cor. 6:14 – 7:1; 1 Cor. 15:33**).
 - d. Does association mean consent or endorsement? (**Eph. 5:11**).
3. **“Sits not in the seat of the scoffer”** – Actually becomes a sinner.
 - a. We are warned of falling away(**Luke 9:62; 2 Pet. 2:20-21; Heb. 10:26**).
 - b. This individual scoffs at and ridicules the believer. Why?
4. **A progression of Apostasy.** Leads to unhappiness.

B. POSITIVELY:

1. **“His delight is in the law of Jehovah.”**
 - a. **Psa. 119:97-104.**
 - b. It saves(**Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:14-15**).
 - c. It makes us complete(**2 Tim. 3:16-17**).
2. **“Upon it doth he meditate, day and night.”**
 - a. **“Ruminare”** – chew cud.
 - b. And why not? It is the revealed mind of God!

II. THE LOT OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED.

A. HE IS HAPPY.

1. He has purpose(**Ecc. 12:13**).
2. He has promise(**1 John 5:11-12**).

B. HE IS SUSTAINED BY GOD.

1. He is like a tree planted by the waters.
 - a. He is not moved(**Psa. 55:22**).
 - b. That brings forth its fruit in its season.
 - c. Whose leaf doth not wither – No fear!(**Rom. 8:31**).
 - d. Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

His work and his destiny!

C. THE WICKED ARE NOT SO.

1. Because of unworthy goals, his is a life of frustration
(**Matt. 6:19-21; 1 John 2:15-17**).
2. He must eventually face his guilt(**2 Cor. 5:10**).

He will not stand, but falls in judgment.

3. None will escape by hiding among the Righteous (**Tim. 2:19**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. GOD KNOWS THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND BLESSES.
- B. HE KNOWS THE WAY OF THE WICKED AND THEY PERISH.
- C. HE KNOWS YOUR WAY.