

The Blessed Man of God

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Introduction

1. Psalm 1
2. This is a preface to the rest of the Psalms or even a door to the rest
3. The thoughts of Psalm 1 are restated in the other 149 Psalms
4. There are three contrast in this Psalm
 - a. Contrast verse 1 and 2 the happy man
 - b. Contrast verse 3 and 4 the ungodly man
 - c. Contrast verse 5 and 6 the destination of both men
5. Let us study this Psalm with the view of making application to ourselves.

II Discussion

1. The happy man
 - a. This is what we want and are to be and when we see that we are doing these things to be happy we are to be encouraged
 - b. The happy man stated negatively
 - i. This is the successive steps in the pursuit of evil
 - ii. We must avoid evil advice, associates, and attitudes.
 - iii. This passage also contains evildoers in every form and degree, wicked, sinners and scornful and could be the same person
 - iv. Walk by for a glance at evil to satisfy curiosity
 1. Walk is used many times to denote a way of life
 2. The Christian life begins with a step and it grows by taking further steps
 3. Walking is progressive
 - v. Counsel is advice, plan or patten of life
 1. Eve followed evil advise Genesis 3
 2. Ahaziah followed the advice of his mother who was the sister of Ahab 2 Chronicles 22:3-5
 3. Christ ought to be our Counselor Isaiah 9:6
 - vi. Standeth
 1. Movement has now stopped, evil has gotten its grips around this individual
 2. The righteous will not stop with these professional sinners 1 Corinthians 15:33
 - vii. Sitteth
 1. Greater comfort, the sinner is relaxed and restful in sin
 2. Evil is not a confirmed way of life
 3. We should try to keep a great distance between the sacred and the profane
 - c. The happy man stated positively
 - i. The happy man is saturated with the Word Verse 2
 - ii. This man is blessed because of what he does; trying to please God
 - iii. This man seeks righteousness as a wild animal pants after fresh water of the brook Psalm 42:1
 - iv. The Word captures and claims his full attention
 1. He is learning the truth; his study is not burdensome
 2. He is living the truth; He is not just reading but applying to himself

3. He is teaching the truth
 - v. He is meditating – chewing on it and applying it
 - vi. It is day and night, all his thoughts and actions are governed by his desire to be obedient to God’s Word
 - vii. He brings forth fruit Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 7:4
2. The ungodly man
 - a. We do not want to be like this man if we see ourselves doing these things changes ought to be made in our lives so that we can be the happy man
 - b. Horticultural is the theme of this contrast
 - c. The blessed man is like a tree with water
 - i. This is the power of choice, he chose to be in this place Proverbs 3:6
 - ii. The roots go down deep Colossians 1:23; 2:7
 - iii. The blessings of a tree, and the good that it does it is “green”
 - d. The ungodly man is like the chaff of wheat Matthew 3:12
3. The destinations of either man
 - a. The destination of each man is listed
 - b. Both will be at the judgment. The ungodly will not endure the judgment
 - c. In contrast with what the world states there are but two way, one to heaven the other to hell Matthew 7:13-14; 21-23; 25:32
 - d. We will be judged by what we have done 2 Corinthians 5:10

III Conclusion

1. Which one of these two men represents you in your life?
2. The ungodly can change to become the happy man
3. The happy can change also so there needs to be guards standing in the way so that this does not take place

Sources: Allen Webster’s material used at ICYC 2008 teen week; Psalm Vol. 1 Psalm 1 – 73
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