

## Two Paths

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### Introduction

1. Psalm 1
2. There are two paths mentioned in the psalm
3. The blessed man is in contrast to the ungodly
4. In the verses 1-3 notice something about the blessed man
  - a. There are three things stated in the negative that this man does not do
  - b. These three things are also a progression he does not walk, stand nor sit
5. There also in no middle ground between these two paths and never does the Bible state there is. Matthew 7:13-14; Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; 2 Corinthians 5:10
6. The contrast in the two paths are how to be righteous and to warn the wicked
7. Also let us notice seven resolutions to be made by the righteous

### II Discussion

1. Blessed
  - a. Blessed is used 26 times in Psalm
  - b. Happy, happiness that comes when a superior bestows favor on another
  - c. Here a plural form of the word is used and thus it intensifies the meaning
  - d. There is not life more abundantly, fulfilling, rewarding than the righteous life
2. Contrast between the two ways
  - a. 2 Corinthians 6:14 ff
  - b. Romans 6:19
  - c. Hebrews 1:8-9
  - d. Three groups of the lawless
    - i. Ungodly they have no respect or reverence toward God
    - ii. Sinner not those who are righteous but occasionally commit sin, these are habitual and deliberate in coming short of the Will of God
    - iii. Scornful those who hatefully scoff at righteousness, they sit, their seat is settled down
3. Refuse to compromise
  - a. Last week sermon about Lot in the midst of ungodliness was called righteous 2 Peter 2:7
  - b. The Blessed man does not;
    - i. Walk along side of sin
    - ii. Stand with sin, listening and being interested in sin 1 Corinthians 15:33; Exodus 23:2
    - iii. Nor does he sit with the ungodly, fully yielding and joining life of sin
4. Revel
  - a. Verse 2 begins with the contrast in the two paths “but.”
  - b. This blessed man delights in the Law of the Lord, joy, pleasure, reading and studying
  - c. Meditates day and night muse Joshua 1:8
  - d. It is his source of strength Matthew 4:1-11
  - e. He diligently seeks to please the Lord Hebrews 11:6
  - f. It is what he thinks about Proverbs 23:7
  - g. He hides it in his heart Psalm 119:11
5. Rooted the character of the righteous is showing

- a. Like a tree, a productive tree
  - b. The righteous are planted Colossians 1:23
  - c. By the river of water, location, location, location 2 Timothy 3:17 furnishes unto every good work
6. Reproduce a fruit tree that is flourishing
- a. Brings forth fruit in its season John 15:1-3
  - b. We are in the planting business 1 Corinthians 3:6-9
  - c. It is in season 2 Timothy 4:2;
    - i. Faithful Revelation 2:10
    - ii. Dependable 1 Corinthians 15:58
  - d. The tree will prosper when planted correctly John 6:63, 68; Isaiah 55:11; Matthew 6:33
7. The Lord knows those that are His
- a. Nothing is hid from Him Hebrews 4:13
  - b. He does not see as we see 1 Samuel 16:7
  - c. The Lord knows the sinner, scornful and the ungodly
  - d. The Lord knows the righteous 1 Peter 3:12
  - e. He has prepared a place for the righteous John 14:1-3; Revelation 22:14

### III Conclusion

1. The two paths are different
2. The two aims are different
3. The standards are different
4. Their conduct is different
5. Their delight is different
6. Their delight is different
7. Their prosperity is different
8. Their destiny is different
9. Which path are you following
10. If the wrong path turn around and get on the right path

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