

Scripture Reference: Psalm 1

Theme: The Law of the Lord makes a man blessed.

Outline:

1. The blessed man vs 1 - 3
2. The wicked man vs 4 - 6

vs	Observation	Interpretation	Application
1	Blessed is the man	Oh how happy One who receives favor from another.	I want to be happy I want to receive favor from God.
	walks not in the council of the ungodly	Does not listen to the advice of the ungodly. Does not do what the ungodly recommends	I will seek only godly advice and check that advice by the scriptures. Prayer is the best way to get solid council. I will seek God in prayer.
	Nor stands in the path of sinners	Does not go where sinners go. Does not conform himself to the sinner's way. Does not have the same mind as the sinner.	I will not go to the places where sinners are for the same purpose they are there for. I will conform myself to Gods ways only. I will renew my mind with the mind of Christ and obey His will as I understand it.
	Nor sits in the seat of scoffers	Does not do what they do consistently. Does not make his home with sinners and follow their pattern.	I will turn from my sin as soon as I recognize it or the Holy Spirit convicts me of it. I will not be conformed to the pattern of this world but I will be transformed by the renewing of my mind.
2	But his delight is in the Law of the Lord.	His great joy and pleasure is in the Word of God. His passion is for Gods commands, statutes, precepts, etc...	I will renew my mind with God's word day and night. I will pray for greater passion for God's word.
	And in His Law he meditates day and night.	Meditates denotes a constant murmur, so the blessed man has God's Word in the front of his mind day and night. He memorizes Gods Word to have it ready.	I will deepen my study of God's word and find ways to apply each principle that He teaches me. I will memorize God's word to have it at the ready to combat sin.
3	And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water	Trees denote strength Firmly planted – solid and	I will not waver in my commitment to God.

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		strong not wavering Streams – directly connected to the source of life	I will stay connected to the source of life Christ Jesus.
	Which yields its fruit in its season	Proper function in the proper time.	I will pray for discernment to know and do the will of God at the proper time.
	And its leaf does not wither	Healthy and full of life The leaf could denote the faith of a man.	I will stay healthy by study and worship of God.
	And whatever he does he prospers	Blessing from God because of his delight in the Law of the Lord.	I will thank God for all of His many blessings and give Him the glory.
4	The wicked are not so	The wicked are in contradiction to all of the blessed mans attributes	I will speak the word of God to anyone whom He leads me to.
	But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.	Useless and easily moved in contradiction to the tree. No root, no water, no fruit, utterly useless. Driven away by the wind of God unable to stand	I will show them the rock upon which they can build their lives.
5	Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement	They can not stand when judgement comes because they have not been “grafted in”. They will be judged by their deeds and therefore they cannot stand before the Holy God of Heaven.	I will show sinners the way to change camps so they can be blessed and not cursed.
	Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous	The wicked will not be found among the righteous in the day of judgement. They are in opposition to each other.	I will show sinners the way to change camps so they can be blessed and not cursed.
6	For the Lord knows the way of the righteous.	The Lords way is the way of the righteous and He protects them. God knows the heart of the righteous and gives the righteous their desires.	I will praise Him for His work in my life that allows me to be found among the righteous through Christ Jesus.
	But the way of the wicked will perish	When judgement comes the wicked will be consumed by the “fire” of the Lord as the chaff is blown by the wind. They have no root.	I will show sinners the way to change camps so they can be blessed and not cursed.