

Blessed is the Godly Person

(Psalm 1)

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1. A Godly Person

Psalms 1:1a (ESV)

¹Blessed is the man...

The word “**blessed**” (*'ešer*) does not mean “happy.”

The word speaks of the deeper idea of “*an inward contentedness not affected by circumstances.*”

Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV)

¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

2. A Guarded Pathway

Psalms 1:1 (ESV)

¹...who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

The verbs, “walk,” “stand,” and “sits” describe the progression of sin.

James 1:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

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The “wicked” are those who persistently and willfully practice evil acts;

The “sinners” are those who miss the mark of God’s standards and don’t care about it;

The “scoffers” or “mockers” are those who ridicule God, His sacred Word and those who choose to live in consistent with God’s Word.

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1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV)

³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

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Isaiah 5:20 (ESV)

²⁰Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,
who put darkness for light and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

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Romans 12:2 (ESV)

²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Proverbs 23:7a (NKJV)

⁷For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he

3. A Great Passion

Psalms 1:2 (ESV)

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

The word “**delight**” means “a strong desire to incline toward an object.”

Genesis 34:19a (ESV)

¹⁹And the young man did not delay to do the thing,
because he delighted in Jacob’s daughter.

John 14:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

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The word “meditates” means “to growl, groan, sigh, mutter.”

Joshua 1:8 (ESV)

⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,
but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may
be careful to do according to all that is written in it.

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The phrase “day and night” does not mean twice a day but “all the time.”

Revelation 7:15 (ESV)

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his
presence.

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James 1:22-25 (ESV)

²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

4. A Guaranteed Prosperity

Psalms 1:3 (ESV)

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

The Hebrew word translated “**planted**” is *šāṭal*, which means “to transplant.”

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Jeremiah 17:7-8 (ESV)

⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

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The tree signifies security and stability.

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The word “**prosper**” (*tsaleach*) has nothing to do with “heal and wealth.” It means “to succeed” or “to be victorious.”

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John 15:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

James 4:4 (ESV)

⁴Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5. A Glorious Prospect

Psalms 1:6a (ESV)

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

The word “**know**” does not mean to know intellectually, but to “have a loving and intimate relationship.”

Matthew 7:22-23 (ESV)

²²On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

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⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

John 17:3 (ESV)

³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 10:27 (ESV)

²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

6. A Gospel Presentation

Psalms 1:4-5, 6b (ESV)

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶...but the way of the wicked will perish.

Romans 3:23 (ESV)

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Ephesians 2:3 (ESV)

³...we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

