

Psalm 1: "Blessed is the man"

A. Practical Application of the Blessed Man:

1. Where blessing Starts:
 - a. The blessing of God does not begin with what you DO; but it begins with what you DON'T do; where you DON'T go; who you STAY away from:
 - b. "walketh not"; "nor standeth"; "nor sitteth"
 - c. This is "the fear of the LORD" - Proverbs 1:7, 10-...
 - d. The first 9 chapters of Proverbs are warning the young man to stay away from sinners, the evil man, and the strange woman.
 - e. The Fear of the LORD:
 - i. Proverbs 8:13: To HATE EVIL (hate what God hates)
 - ii. 16:6: by it men DEPART from EVIL.
 - iii. 14:27: FOUNTAIN of LIFE, to DEPART from SNARES of DEATH.
2. Note the Downward ENSNARING Progression of Sin:
 - a. Walking --> Ungodly
 - b. Standing --> Sinners
 - c. Sitting --> Scornful (Scorners)
3. "DELIGHT" = Heart's Love
 - a. You cannot serve God & Mammon; either will LOVE the one & HATE the other...
 - b. Where your treasure is (time/money/energy) ----> Heart will be also
 - c. "Delight". (in Psalms)
 - i. "In the LORD" - 37:4
 - ii. "In the abundance of peace" - 37:11
 - iii. "To do thy will O God" - 40:8
 - iv. "In thy comforts" - 94:19
 - d. Psalm 112:1 - "Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments."
 - e. Psalm 119: "delight" - 9x
 - i. statutes, testimonies, commandments, law,
 - ii. See vs 16, 24, 35, 47
 - iii. Word "love" = 12x
4. "The LAW of the LORD"
 - a. The word of God (5 books of the Law: history, God's works, testimony, commandments, prophecy, etc...)
 - b. Covenant: Binding contract & relationship between God & man

- c. Absolute; governs the creation and all those upon it:
 - d. Other laws: the law of sin & death; the law of Christ; the law of the Spirit of life...
5. "Meditate"
- a. 9x in Psalms
 - i. "on thee" - 63:6
 - ii. "of all thy work" / ""on all thy works" 77:12; 143:5
 - iii. "in thy precepts" - 119:15,76
 - iv. "in thy statutes" - 119:23,48
 - v. "in thy word" - 119:148
 - b. See Psalm 119:97-99
 - c. Meditation is the KEY TO EXCELLING... go deep like a well.
 - d. 1 Timothy 4:15; Paul charged Timothy "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."
6. "Day & Night"
- a. Light & darkness; good times & bad times; prosperity & poverty
 - b. Paul said: "for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." - Philp 4:11
7. RESULT: "And he shall be..."
- a. God is interested in WHO you ARE; in YOU;
 - b. The gospel is all about CHANGING who you are & your state of being.
8. "Like a TREE planted"
- a. "TREE"
 - i. Matthew 7:17-20
 - ii. Need Incorruptible seed: 1 Peter 1:23
 - iii. Jeremiah 17:7-8
 - b. "PLANTED"
 - i. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught..." - Colossians 2:7-8
 - ii. Building the house on the ROCK! Planted!
 - c. WHERE: "By the Rivers of Water":
 - i. John 7:37-39: "The Spirit"
 - ii. Isaiah 44:3 - "pour water... pour spirit"
 - iii. Reference: Ezekiel 47 & Revelation 22
 - d. WHAT: "Bringeth forth HIS FRUIT" (in his season)

- i. Good soil w/ good seed (planted by rivers of water) are GUARANTEED to bring forth GOOD FRUIT!
 - ii. Need Patience: James 5:7-8 (in his season)
 - * With ourselves; AND others
 - e. "His leaf shall not wither"
 - i. Provide food & air for the tree.
 - ii. Provide oxygen & shade for people
 - iii. Medicinal/Healing : Revelation 22:2
 - f. "Whatsoever he doth shall prosper"
 - i. True Prosperity is GUARANTEED in the LORD: Isaiah 53:10 "doing his will"
- B. The Ungodly
- 1. "Are not so"
 - a. Nothing like all the wonderful things described above....
 - b. Nothing like a tree planted that will endure for ever
 - c. Are like the chaff which the wind driveth away!
 - 2. "Shall not stand in the judgment"
 - a. Driven to their face & knees
 - b. Cast out of the presence of the LORD
 - 3. "Their way shall perish..."
- C. Big PICTURE: Only 2 groups of people on planet earth:
- 1. Either in light or darkness
 - 2. Child of God or the devil
 - 3. Like Abel or Cain
 - 4. Sheep or the Goats
 - 5. Kingdom of God or kingdom of Satan
- D. The KEY: It all comes down to "WHO YOU LISTEN TO"
- 1. Walketh not "IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY..."
 - 2. But his delight is "IN THE LAW OF THE LORD"
 - * Whose HEADSHIP/Authority are you under? Who are you listening to, trusting, following?
- E. PERFECT BLESSED MAN = JESUS CHRIST
- 1. John 5:39
 - 2. Through repentance/the fear of the LORD and the new birth (faith in Christ) we are IN CHRIST & he is IN US!

CONCLUSION: Take HEART; You can be a man truly BLESSED by GOD! If you will separate from the world and draw near to God, in CHRIST you can be BLESSED!