

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

The first Psalm in the book of Psalms, and when we read this, we immediately go to verse 3 and stand on that verse which says,

† ***“He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.”***

Yeah, we want to be like trees planted by the water, taking in all that we can, which are all the blessings of the Lord. And this is a good thing, but did you realize that in order to have verse 3, you must do verses 1 & 2 which say, ***“Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.”***

Are you wanting God’s blessings, yet you are walking in the counsel of the ungodly (***Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful***), meaning you are hanging with, and listening to the advise of your non Christian friends, taking the council of TV shows and commercials that you watch, or movies that are telling you how to live and what to like and not like. What about what you read on Social Media and what others (who are not Christians) are saying and you are wanting to be like them, and have what they have?

Are you wanting God’s blessings, yet your delight is not in the law of the LORD, (***But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.***) and you don’t even spend times in His word everyday? You actually despise what God says and you are always trying to find ways to get around what God says is right or wrong, so that you can feed your flesh. And when someone says that you should be praying everyday and reading your bible everyday, is it like nails on a chalkboard to you; Yet you want verse 3?

The message bible put these verses this way:

† **Psalm 1:1-3 (MSG) *How well God must like you— you don't hang out at Sin Saloon, you don't slink along Dead-End Road, you don't go to Smart-Mouth College. Instead you thrill to GOD's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom.***

This may speak more to some of you as you read this interpretation and you can relate it, because you do:

- *hang out at Sin Saloon*
- *you slink along Dead-End Road*
- *you go to Smart-Mouth College*

Some of you are saying that you are going the heaven, yet you live like you are going to hell. You stand on the promises of God, as long as they benefit you, and make you feel good. But in order to stand on God's promises, you must stand on the Word of God, ALL OF IT, not just the verses that makes you feel good. Jesus spoke of this as well when He taught.

† **Matthew 7:24-27** *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."*

This was at the end of Jesus' teaching on the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus taught us how to live. And if you read Jesus' teaching, it's not a bunch of "make you feel good about yourself" words, but words that we need to heed that will change us and that we should live by. Sure we want all the great promises of God, but don't stand on those promises while you are standing next to satan, holding his hand as you are willfully in sin all the time wanting what he has to offer as well as what God has to offer, because Jesus taught us that:

† **Matthew 6:24** *"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."*

So if you want to be *"Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper."* Then you must be planted next to the Living water, which is Jesus, and not planted next too the sewer, which is next to satan.

† **John 4:10** *Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."*

† **John 7:37-38** *On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*