

Psalms 1:1-5

1 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; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 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. 4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

V 1-3

1. The Holiness and happiness of a godly man

First step, he has a personal relationship with the Lord ...He is a saved man...He is a righteous man ... and the Lord knows him...John 10:27 My Sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me

V 1-3

The Blessed man:

Is a saved man...

He does not take instruction, does not give his
assent, agreement, or
credibility to the deeds of the ungodly

He avoids them (Proverbs 2 10-14)

Proverbs 2:10-14

10 When wisdom enters your heart, And
knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11
Discretion will preserve you;
Understanding will keep you, 12 To
deliver you from the way of evil, From
the man who speaks perverse things, 13
From those who leave the paths of
uprightness To walk in the ways of
darkness; 14 Who rejoice in doing evil,
And delight in the perversity of the
wicked;

The Holy and Happy man is defined by...

His delight is in the law of the Lord...in
which he meditates day and night

He shall be like a tree that is well
watered, nourished by the living water
of the word, He is fruitful, his
endeavours prosper

Jerimiah 17:8 gives us another
description of this tree...

For he shall be like a tree planted by the
waters, Which spreads out its roots by
the river, And will not fear when heat
comes; But its leaf will be green, And
will not be anxious in the year of
drought, Nor will cease from yielding
fruit...

A caution to us...

The Psalmist alerts us ...there is usually a process...

...First Walking.... I'm not so sure about this, I, want to be in a posture such that If I have to make a hasty exit... I can run...

...then Standing..... I feel more at ease here.. I convince myself, maybe its not so bad... God can use me

...then Sitting... Ok... I'm good , now that voice which was screaming on the inside... is silent

V 4-5

2. The sinfulness and misery of the wicked man..

...The ungodly are not so But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Chaff... what is it , something of little worth, its rubbish, refuse.

The ungodly are easily swayed, they have no foundation, they are unstable, no point of reference, they deny the very existence of God

Characteristics of the ungodly

Ps.14:1...The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, there is none who does good.

The only thing that matters to the ungodly, is acquiring wealth and material possessions ...
at all costs

Remember the parable Jesus taught...

Luke 12:16-21

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.")

Characteristics of the ungodly

They pretend to be religious and may have a zeal for religion, (Rms. 10:1,2) ...or... they have their own of ideas religion, or religion on their own terms...

Remember ...Jesus warns us in Matt 7:21-23:

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

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3. The realities of the Blessed man vs the ungodly man

For the Lord knows the way of the
righteous, But the way of the ungodly
shall perish.

V 6

The ungodly man... will perish...His best efforts will come to nothing... all he has is this life... this life will be the best it will ever be for the ungodly man...

So... where do we stand this morning... are we the Blessed man the Psalmist is talking about in Psalms 1?

If not, please pay attention....