

A pass through The Psalms: **Week 1: Psalm 1**

1:1 in the ESV

Blessed is the man who (1) **walks not** in the counsel of the wicked, nor (2) **stands in** the way of sinners, nor (3) **sits in** the seat of scoffers.

Blessed [Hebrew, Esher] means: _____ ! Full of _____

There is a “pleasure” that sinful reasoning and choices bring, but it is fleeting & inferior to the satisfaction and joy that delight in and obedience to God brings!

God warns of the _____ in sinful/wrong thinking:

-First it **walks** along with [casual, passing]

-Then, it **stops** and **stands** [more intimate/deeper, delayed]

-Finally it **sits** [fully intimate, stopped-staying]

God warns that:

Walking with the wicked should be a _____ that standing is soon to follow.....and after standing sitting will soon be next...and once sitting, you too are now one of them; wicked.

God promises that the person who does not follow the way of the wicked will be _____ of blessing and far _____!

1:2 In contrast to desiring the world and the thinking/actions of the perishing:

-The man/woman of God _____ in the instruction of God.

Delights [Hebrew, Chephets] means: *Desirable things, something to be desired, good pleasure, something which causes good pleasure.*

Following God's instruction should be a great pleasure. God's instruction allows us to:

1) Know God _____ and 2) _____ the path of destruction

This delight, is fueled by constant meditation on the words and instructions of God.

This reminds me of Joshua 1:8: *This 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. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

1:3 The person who does these things will be like a strong fruitful tree; **a joy to the creator** of the tree (God) and **a joy to the partakers** of the tree (others).

This reminds me of Jer 17:7-8: *Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream...*

_____ on God's word (*getting sound teaching*) + _____ God's word
(*having faith in what God says*) is what _____ to being a fruitful tree!

1:4-6 The wicked are those who do not delight in God, they do not meditate on his word and they do not put their trust in him...Their future is dark and sad...The very opposite of blessings, full of happiness and joy. The opposite of delight in God is death. The consequence of failing to delight in God and heed his word is death.

How does this apply to me?

1. We should be _____ and avoid the path of the wicked.

Personal Notes:

2. We should be _____ when we have begun the walk-stand-sit process.

Personal Notes:

3. We must _____ the word of God in our life.

Personal Notes:

4. We must _____ additional ways to get God's word in our life, daily.

Personal Notes:

5. We must _____ that God would give us a delight in his word & the ability to trust him.

Personal Notes:

6. We must _____ the word of God, no matter the cost.

Personal Notes: