

A BLESSED LIFE

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Introduction

Psalm 1 & Torah

'Blessed'

The two kinds of people in view in Psalm 1:

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2.

PSALM 1

- 1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He 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.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will 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 wicked will perish.

Important Observations in Psalm 1

1. The psalm uses imagery of two distinct _____.

2. The psalm describes the way of the righteous by way of _____.

 - They do not...* (1)

 - (2)

 - (3)

They do... (1)

(2)

3. The psalm describes the righteous and the ungodly using contrasting agricultural images:

(1) The righteous are like a _____

(2) The ungodly are like _____

4. The psalm describes both paths ending in the _____ of the LORD, but with two different results.

Psalm 1 & the New Testament

1. The NT informs us that only _____ was truly righteous.

1 Pet. 3:18—For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

2. The NT informs us that we can be blessed of the Lord even in the midst of _____.

Matt. 5:3-11— 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

3. The NT informs us that the fruitfulness of our lives is ultimately the result of the work of God's _____.

Gal. 5:16, 22-23—16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.