

THE WAY OF THE BLESSED

TEXT: (Psalm 1:1-6, KJV)

¹ Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

⁴ The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

I. THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS

A. He Does Not Walk in the Counsel of the Ungodly

1. "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21, NIV).

B. He does Not Stand in the Way of Sinners

1. "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take" (Psalm 1:1, NIV).
2. "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you" (John 15:19).

C. He Does Not Sit in the Seat of the Scornful (Mocker)

1. "I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word" (Psalm 119:16, NIV).
2. "Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors" (Psalm 119:24, NIV)
3. "I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame, for I delight in your commands because I love them" (Psalm 119:46-47, NIV).
4. "Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4, NIV).

D. He Delights in the Law of the Lord

1. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16, KJV).
2. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17, KJV).
3. "And take the...sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17, KJV).
4. "How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:9-11, NIV).
5. "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).
6. "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:25).

March 22, 2023

The Way of the Blessed

7. "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults" (Psalm 19:7-12, KJV).
8. "Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage" (Psalm 119:54, KJV).

E. He Meditates on the Law Day and Night

1. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8, KJV).

F. He Is Like a Tree Planted by the Rivers of Water

1. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).
2. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-2, NIV).

G. Whatever He Does Shall Prosper

1. "I have been young, and now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25, KJV).
2. "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and will bring you back from captivity'" (Jeremiah 29:11-14, NIV).

II. THE WAY OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS

1. "The way of the unfaithful is hard" (Proverbs 13:15, NIV).
3. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

A. Like the Chaff Driven by the Wind

1. "What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14, KJV).

B. Shall Not Stand in the Judgment

1. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

CONCLUSION

1. "For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1:6, KJV).