

## **PSALM 1 – The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly!**

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### **JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE – Billy Graham Choir (2:42)**

*Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, if You please,  
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. (Refrain) Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

**PSALM 1** – The Psalms have always been a favorite section of the Bible for God's people. One reason is that they are very experiential. You have much theology that is in each of them. Much revelation about God. Often as we read them, we can understand the context in which they are written. Then we realize that this was what was going on inside of David, spiritually, when he was in the particular situation. So, when I am in this situation, I don't have the way with words like David, so we're able to adopt one of these Psalms to ourselves and make it our expression to the LORD. Most often a Psalm will become a favorite of ours because of what it reveals to us about God, His theology, but also because God used what was written in the Psalm to get us through a season in life, maybe difficulty or something happening in our life where we wanted to praise and a worship toward God in thanksgiving, that we were incapable of on our own. I'm in a similar situation so they really deal with the human heart! In every circumstance there is always a Psalm (a poem to be sung to a stringed instrument) for it. We can always find blessings and the need to praise the LORD in every place and circumstance we have, ascribing worth to Him.

### **PSALM 1 – The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked – God's Recipe for a Blessed (Oh, how happy!) Life – All for Free for Us by the One who Knows Exactly what we Need!**

***Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel (to fashion or influence us) of the ungodly,***

- Counsel is always that which fashions or influences us. The blessed man does not let the ungodly influence him.
- No one can be blessed by leaving God out of fashioning or influencing him.
- In David's day, most counsel was done face to face. Now it's different, in that now influence is mostly happening through electronics, media, TV, iPod, radio, music, movies.
- We have to carry this over into those areas, realizing that for my life to be blessed, I must not come under the influence of the ungodly, allowing them to fashion my thinking, how I see life, what's right and wrong. Ungodly influence or any influence which leaves God out, is NOT TO BE ALLOWED. God's counsel is much, much greater and better than ANY ungodly counsel!

***Nor stands in the path of sinners,;***

- Secondly the blessed man doesn't stand, linger or associate closely with sinful man, because if I do, it isn't long before I can find myself joining them in their sinful way.
- Most importantly, we need to be very, very discerning. If we want a happy life and a blessed life to whom we have as our counselors is most important as well as who we have as friends, our peers, those in whom we are having a close relationship.

***Nor sits in the seat of the scornful***

- Thirdly – nor sits in the seat of the scornful. Note progression – walks, stands and now sits!
- To sit is to settle down and make oneself at home. One cannot have a blessed life whose makes himself at home with those who are scorners. They scorn His ways, His truth, everything about Him, His people, His holiness. So, we are not to find ourselves settling in, making ourselves comfortable in environments where God is openly despised, including what we watch and hear!
- The scornful man has nothing to offer the man in search of happiness or blessing.

***Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.***

- Now **moving away what is to be avoided, he moves to what is to be moved into.** His **delight is in the law of the LORD.** And in His law, he mediates day and night.
- A **happy and blessed person will delight in His Word!** They love the Word of God! They love to worship! They love their quiet time with the LORD! To obey and be under the influence of the Word of God!
- Further, **he meditates** (like cows chewing the cud) on God's Word **day and night** (figurative language for "always")! Cows bring everything back up **in order to get everything out of it that is possible, to fully ingest** it to become a part of their life. Meditating on the His Word gives revelation that would never have come on only reading it over once or quickly.
- **Col 3:16** *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

***Psa 1:3 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.***

- A tree described as being close to rivers of water in the Middle East is a very blessed tree! A very rich tree! The Word of God is that unfailing source of spiritual life.
- **Planted** – Its roots go deep. It's solid! The Christian life that's planted in the Word of God is a Christian whose life goes very deep, not likely to be overcome by a storm.
- A tree doesn't bring forth fruit for itself, but it's brought forth in order to bless other people. This kind of a person is not self-centered, selfishly oriented. More and more today it more and more, I, me and mine! Satisfaction in life is found in God working in my life in such a way that produces an outstanding abundance in order to bless other people, to refresh them! An overflow! A torrent of living water in our life, producing a fruitful life **Whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.**
- It just produces a strong, healthy, spiritual prosperous life!

***Psa 1:4 Now in contrast, The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.***

- So, the **characteristics of the ungodly** are the **exact opposite of the blessed man, the righteous man!** They do make the ungodly their counselors. They do stand in the path of sinners. They do sit in the seat of the scornful. They don't delight in the law of the LORD. They don't meditate on the Word of God. It's not an influence in their life at all.
- As a result, they are like the chaff which the wind blows away. In order to get to the meat of the grain, you would break that outer coat and then all in a pile. In a windy spot, they would throw it up in the air and the wind would blow the chaff away and the grain would stay, because it had some weight, some substance to it.
- The **ungodly have no depth.** They are not rooted into something that's solid. They are completely vulnerable to every wind that goes through life.

***Psa 1:5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.***

- Now in **contrast to the present**, he now **speaks of the future of the ungodly.**
- There is a judgment on the other side of this life. God say it's not going to go well for the ungodly!
- They are not going to join the righteous in heaven. Heaven is not in their future.

***Psa 1:6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.***

- They are, **instead, they are going to perish.** The LORD knows the way where the righteous leads. **It leads to heaven.** He knows the way of the end of the ungodly. **It leads to judgment!**
- The blessed man is not only the one who is blessed in this life but is also blessed in the life to come!
- The ungodly, lacking a foundation in God's word, will be driven around like chaff in the wind in this life and will face God's judgment in the next!
- We want to talk to someone who know what they are talking about regarding things in this life – a competent, knowledgeable, plumber, a carpenter, a car mechanic. How much more do we want to talk to someone who know what's right in eternity! God is that Someone!
- Here is His recipe for a blessed life. Every single blessed life will prove this Psalm to be true! – on one side or the other!

#### **SUMMARY:**

- Ungodly counsel has nothing to offer the man in search of happiness. Tell me who your friends are, and one can describe that life five years from now! We're not to linger or be joined with the ungodly.
- A happy and blessed person will delight in His Word! They love the Word of God! They love to worship! They love their quiet time with the LORD! To obey and be under the influence of the Word of God!
- When men live in sin, they go from bad to worse. When living by the Word of God they get better and better! Not like a wild tree, but like a planted tree fed by rivers, fruitful and bountiful in season.
- The stark contrast between the godly and ungodly in this lifetime is even more vivid and complete throughout eternity!

#### **HOW GREAT THOU ART – Phil Wickham**

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How great thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee! How great Thou art! How great Thou art! (2X)*

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