

PSALMS 1.... BLESSED IS THE MAN

Psalm 1:1 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.

WHAT AN APPROPRIATE INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF PSALMS!! THIS MIGHT WELL BE THE THEME OF THE WHOLE BOOK. HOW TO LIVE, WALK, WORSHIP IN SUCH A WAY THAT OUR LIVES WILL BE BLESSED BY GOD! WE WILL SEE THIS STATEMENT MANY TIMES IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS... "BLESSED IS THE MAN." THIS BLESSING IS PREDICATED ON THREE THINGS!!

1. HE WALKS NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY.
COUNSEL... ADVICE, PURPOSE, WILL. YOU SEE THE UNGODLY HAVE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PURPOSE, WILL THAN THE CHILD OF GOD. BECAUSE THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT MINDSET.. WE CANNOT TAKE THEIR ADVICE!!
I JOHN 2:15-17 LOVE NOT THE WORLD... (COSMOS, SYSTEM)
PROV. 3:5-7 LEAN NOT TO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING, IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM!!
2. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO STANDETH NOT IN THE WAY OF SINNERS.
THEY ARE GOING A DIFFERENT WAY... LIVING A DIFFERENT LIFE... GOVERNED BY A DIFFERENT SPIRIT.
EPHESIANS 2:1-3 THE COURSE OF THIS WORLD, THE PRINCE OF THE AIR, THE SPIRIT OF DISOBEDIENCE!! YOU SEE WHY CANNOT STAND WITH SINNERS!!
EPH. 6:14 WE ARE STAND WITH OUR LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH TRUTH!!
3. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO SITS NOT IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL.
SCORN... CONTEMPT, DISDAIN, MOCK. DO YOU SEE THE DETERIORATION? COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY, THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOW THEY DISDAIN, MOCK, THE GODLY.
1 Peter 4:3-4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*:
EPH. 2:6 WE SHOULD SIT IN HEAVENLY PLACES WITH CHRIST.
PSALMS 110:1 SIT WITH HIM TILL WE HAVE POWER OVER THE ENEMY!!

Psalm 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
DELIGHT... PLEASURE, DESIRE, PURPOSE, WILL. WE LIVE FOR A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PURPOSE.. DRIVEN BY DIFFERENT DESIRES!!

Psalm 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.
THE GODLY MAN DELIGHTS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, MEDITATES ON IT DAY AND NIGHT. THIS IS ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS STUDY.. TO MEDITATE ON THE PSALMS.

COLOSSIANS 3:16 LET THE WORD DWELL RICHLY IN YOUR HEARTS...

REV. 1:3 BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT READS, HEARS, KEEPS THIS WORD.

Philippians 4:8

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Psalm 1:3 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.

WHEN WE PLANT OUR ROOTS IN GOD'S WORD.. ESTABLISH A LIFESTYLE ON GOD'S WAYS.. WE WILL BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE WATER.

Isaiah 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

GOD WANTS TO SAVE US.. HEAL US.. CHANGE US. THEN HE WANTS TO PLANT US!! TREES OF COURSE ARE PERENNIAL... THEY BRING FORTH FRUIT YEARLY.

JOHN 15:1-8 AS LONG AS WE ABIDE IN CHRIST WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BRING FORTH FRUIT, MORE FRUIT, MUCH FRUIT!!

Psalm 1:4-6

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.

THE COUNSEL OF SINNERS WILL NOT STAND!! THEY WILL BE DRIVEN BY THE WINDS AND WAVES OF THE FLEETING LUST AND DESIRES OF THE UNGODLY!!

Max Jukes, the atheist, lived a godless life. He married an ungodly girl, and from this union, there were 310 who died as paupers, 150 were criminals, 7 were murderers, 100 were drunkards, and more than half of the women were prostitutes. His 540 descendants cost the state 1.25 million dollars.

But, praise the Lord it works both ways!! There is a record of a great American man of God, Jonathan Edwards. He lived at the same time as Max Jukes, but he married a godly girl. An investigation was made of 1,394 known descendants of Jonathan Edwards. Of which 13 became college presidents, 65 college professors, 3 United States senators, 30 judges, 100 lawyers, 60 physicians, 75 Army and Navy officers, 100 preachers and missionaries, 60 authors of prominence, 1 Vice President of the United States, 80 became public officials in other capacities, 295 college graduates, among whom were governors of states and ministers to foreign countries. His descendants did not cost the state a penny.

Proverbs 10:7 The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

SO WHAT KIND OF LIFE DO YOU WANT TO LIVE?? WHAT KIND OF HERITAGE DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE?? THIS CHAPTER AND THE BOOK OF PSALMS WILL SHOW US HOW TO LIVE A LIFE OF PRAYER AND PRAISE. AS WE MEDITATE ON THE PSALMS.. LET US CULTIVATE A DEEPER SPIRITUAL LIFE. A LIFE THAT GOD CAN BLESS!!