

Psalm 1

Introduction:

1. In His Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), Jesus showed how certain people will be "*blessed*."
2. Similar statements are found throughout the Bible, including Psalm 1.
3. In his contrast of "*the righteous*" and "*the ungodly*," the writer showed how God blesses righteous people.

Discussion:

- I. LET US CONSIDER WHAT IS WRITTEN ABOUT "*THE RIGHTEOUS*"
 - A. (vs.6a) The Lord knows "*the way of the righteous*" (1 Peter 3:12).
 - B. (vs.1-2) "*The righteous*" are identified.
 1. (vs.1) A righteous person avoids certain practices.
 - a. He does not walk "*in the counsel of the ungodly*."
 - 1) "*The ungodly*" are wicked unrighteous people.
 - 2) "*The counsel*" of such people must be avoided (Proverbs 4:14-17, 19).
 - b. He does not stand "*in the way of sinners*."
 - 1) "*Sinners*" are those who habitually practice sin.
 - 2) "*The way*" of such people must be avoided (Proverbs 1:10-16).
 - c. He does not sit "*in the seat of the scornful*."
 - 1) "*The scornful*" despise and have contempt for things that please God.
 - 2) "*The seat*" of such people must be avoided (Proverbs 22:10).
 2. (vs.2) Positively, a righteous person:
 - a. delights "*in the law of the Lord*"
 - b. meditates on God's law continually (Psalm 119:97).
 - C. (vs.3) A righteous person will be blessed abundantly.
 1. He will be like the tree pictured in this verse.
 2. Whatever he does will prosper.
- II. LET US CONSIDER WHAT IS WRITTEN ABOUT "*THE UNGODLY*"
 - A. (vs.4) "*The ungodly*" are compared to the chaff driven away by the wind (Matthew 3:11-12).
 - B. (vs.5) "*The ungodly*" will not stand:
 1. "*in the judgment*"
 2. "*in the congregation of the righteous*."
 - C. (vs.6b) "*The way of the ungodly shall perish*."

Conclusion:

1. Psalm 1 shows how God will bless "*the righteous*."
2. Let us "*hunger and thirst after righteousness*" as Jesus taught in Matthew 5:6.