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Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: The way of blessing **Pastor:** John Roebert

Key Scripture: Psalm 1:1-6 (NKJV)

Introduction

There are two paths that lie before each of us. Only two paths. The one is the way of obedience that leads to a life of blessing. The other is the way of rebellion that leads to destruction. In Psalm 1 these two paths are contrasted and we are spurred on to choose the better way.

Psalm 1:1-6 (NKJV)
Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. 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. The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

1. THE BLESSED MAN STEERS CLEAR OF CERTAIN THINGS

Verse 1 – “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.”

Blessed means to be happy, fortunate, prosperous, enviable.

The blessed man steers clear of 3 things.

The counsel of the ungodly means being shaped by the values of ungodly people. The Message translation talks about hanging out at sin saloon. We need to guard against taking advice from ungodly or wicked people. To do this we need to know our identity in Christ and be focused on our God given purpose.

The path of sinners. This means being part of the club of people who are openly sinful. The Message translation refers to driving down dead-end road. It involves giving your emotions to a sinful environment, making a habit of doing what sinners do, copying the lifestyle of sinful people, and hanging out with people who are bold in their iniquity. It is important as children of God that we are selective with who we hang out with. The Bible tells us that bad company corrupts good character.
Proverbs 4:14-15 (NKJV) – “Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. 15 Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on.”

The seat of the scornful. This means being counted with those who mock the truth, make fun of God, and scorn things that are sacred. The Message translation refers to studying at smart-mouth college. People who’s hearts have become hard and cynical towards God.

2. THE BLESSED MAN DELIGHTS IN THE LAW OF GOD

Verse 2 – “But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.”

The law of the Lord is synonymous with the Word of God, the Bible in the broader sense. This is not just about the first 5 books of the Bible. It is about the fully revealed counsel of God.

This world despises the truth of God’s Word. They hate it. They want to cancel the truth. It is so sad. Why would you want to despise that which is good for you.

But the blessed man truly loves the wisdom of the Word of God. He delights in it.

An example:

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV) – “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

To delight in this verse:
- You read it.
- You think about it.
- You decide to trust in the Lord.
- You rely on Him.
- You acknowledge the way He directs your path.

Another example:

Proverbs 16:7 (NKJV) – “When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”

You ponder on this and long to be a God pleaser. You think about your enemies being at peace with you because you please the Lord. You say yes to this.

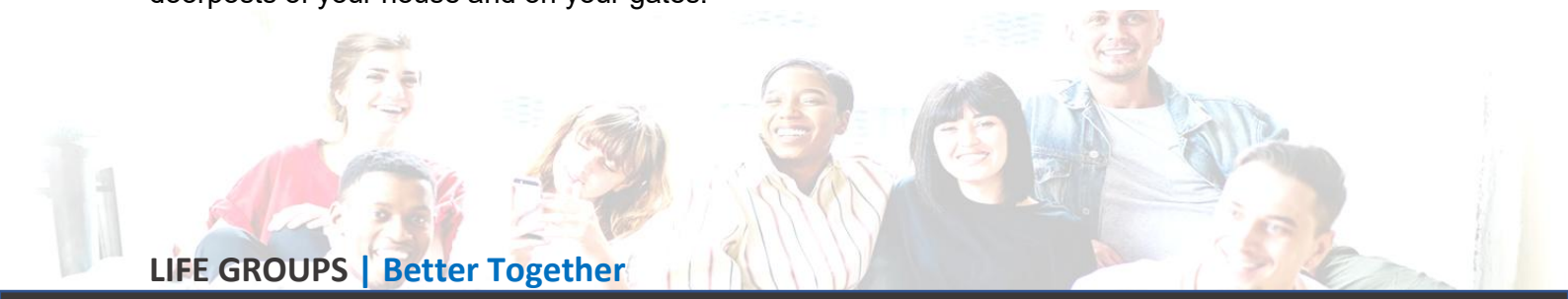
The Word of God is incredibly important in our lives. It strengthens us and helps us. It protects us from sin.

Psalm 119:9 & 11 (NKJV) – “How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. … Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

Verse 2 – “In His law He meditates day and night.”

We need to set an example to our children of esteeming and loving God’s Word.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NKJV) – “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”



3. THE BLESSED MAN WILL SEE THINGS PROSPER BEFORE HIS VERY EYES

Verse 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.”

Whatever he does shall prosper! This is a promise in God’s Word.

What a blessed picture. To be like a fruitful tree planted by the rivers of water. God wants us to flourish like this.

DL Moody said, “All the trees of the Lord are ever-green”.

If there is an absence of prospering and well-being in our lives we need to ask ourselves some questions and seek the Lord. The Bible says that if we trust in the Lord, if we delight in His Word, if we avoid the counsel of the wicked, we will prosper in whatever we do.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NKJV) – “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.”

