

Psalm 1

The place of Psalm 1

- **The beginning of the books of the Psalms.**
- **The overall content of the Psalm.**

Blessed is the man....

- **Blessed – happy, content.**
- **It comes from a root word that is plural, denoting a multiplicity of blessings.**
- **It carries the idea of being right, being straight.**

Blessed is the man....

- Blessed is the man
 - who doesn't *walk*
 - who doesn't *stand*
 - who doesn't *sit*
 - As the ungodly
 - as sinners
 - as the scornful.

Blessed is the man....

- The counsel of the ungodly or the wicked.
- “Wicked” has changed its meaning in recent years.
- God’s judgement is on the wickedness of men.
- The path of sinners leads to destruction.
- The seat of the scornful. Many make fun and they take lightly the ways of God.

Blessed is the man....

- The righteous man will not *walk*, will not *stand* and will not *sit*, hearing the counsel of the ungodly. He lives his life by different values and behaviors, not following the path of sinners, and not bringing scorn and mockery upon God Himself.
- What is the righteous man's delight?

Blessed is the man....

- His delight is in the law of the Lord.
- He meditates in it day and night.
- The law is not here referring to the ten commandments alone but to all the word and will of God.
- This is seen in the Psalm with very many references to the word.
- Meditation implies the filling of the mind with God's word.

Blessed is the man....

- **The righteous man is like:**
- **He will be like a tree, planted by the rivers of water.**
- **It will be fruitful in it's season.**
- **It's leaf will not wither.**
- **Whatever he does shall prosper.**

Blessed is the man....

- **The ungodly are like:**
- **The chaff that the wind drives away; light, worthless, insignificant.**
- **They will not stand in the judgment, in the future.**
- **They will not be among the righteous, in the present.**
- **The Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

Ephesians - sit

- **1:20 -21 “God worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and *seated* Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power”.**
- **Colossians 3:1 Seek those things which are above, where Christ is *sitting*.**
- **2:5 -7 “God...made us alive together, and made us *sit* together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus”.**

Ephesians - walk

- 2:1,2 “You were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once *walked* according to the prince of the power of the air...”.
- 2:10 “We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should *walk* in them”.
- 4:1 “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to *walk* worthy of the calling with which you were called...”.
- 4:17 “This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you no longer *walk* as the rest of the Gentiles *walk*, in the futility of their mind..”.

Ephesians - walk

- 5:2 “*Walk* in love, as Christ also has loved us”.
- 5:8 “Now you are light in the world, *walk* as children of the light”.
- 5: 15 “*Walk* circumspectly, not as fools but as wise”.

Ephesians - stand

- **6:11** “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to *stand* against the wiles of the devil”.
- **6:13, 14** “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to *withstand* in the evil day, and having done all, to *stand*.”
- *Stand* therefore...”.