

BIBLICAL SURVEY: Old Testament Psalm 1: A Song of Glorious Satisfaction

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Who wants to be happy?

In what places do you look for joy?

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God is our ultimate satisfier!

Sin, at its core, is essentially telling God that he does not satisfy you.

Truly, then, there are only two ways to live: Satisfied by God Satisfied by something else

May we recognize that God created us unsatisfied to find satisfaction only in him!

Further, when we fail to turn to him and turn to other created things to satisfy us, we arouse the just wrath of God against us as traitors and adulterers, sinners who

Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1: a prologue for all the psalms and, perhaps, our lives.

So, how do I become blessed and escape the bleak future of the wicked?

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As mentioned earlier, the psalmist contends that there are only two types of people in the world: righteous and wicked.

The righteous are characterized by delighting in the law of the Lord.

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The law of the Lord must be considered a treasure of the highest order!

Is the law of the Lord my chief delight?

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

God's provision for us is infinite!

The wicked, however, do not see this provision.

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God is a jealous and wrathful God.

But he is also a loving God. which again shows the beauty of the cross.

There are only 2 kinds of people in this world.

Will you run toward the Lord and find blessing, joy, and satisfaction in his infinite provision?

Or will you continue to vainly seek happiness in created things that cannot deliver, which is idolatry?

What are some idols in your life that you need to remove?

POINTS FOR HOME

What is the ultimate source of your joy?



Who do you need to tell about Jesus that you have been resistant to tell because of how it may