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PSALMS 1, 15, 101

The Godly Person

BE HAPPY



*and the pursuit of
happiness."*

BLESSED (Heb *esher*)

- Happy
- Joyful
- Content
- Satisfied
- Fulfilled
- Calm
- Peaceful
- Prosperous





PSALM 1:1

How blessed is the man who does **not** walk in the counsel of the wicked, **Nor** stand in the path of sinners, **Nor** sit in the seat of scoffers!

PSALM 1:1-2

How blessed is the man who does

- Walk in God's way (v.1)
- Delight in God's Word (v.2)
- Meditate on God's Word (v.2)

MEDITATE

- to mull something over
- to think about it deeply and repeatedly (day & night)
- to allow the Holy Spirit to apply it to my life
- to memorize it and have it change the way I live

MEDITATE: CHEW IT OVER



**Fruitful Tree
Planted
and
Prospering**



**Chaff
Driven by
the Wind**



NO FENCE SITTING



JOHN 14:6

*Jesus said to him,
“I am the way,
and the truth,
and the life;
no one comes to the Father
but through Me.”*

RIGHTEOUS

- Being and doing right
- Conforming to God’s standards
- Being faultless
- Being guiltless

WICKED

- Not conforming to God’s standards
- Guilty of doing wrong in God’s eyes
- Not just gross sins; could include
 - boastfulness (Psalm 10:3)
 - ignoring God (Psalm 10:4)
 - deceitfulness (Psalm 10:7)
 - borrowing money you don’t repay (Psalm 37:21)

WHAT IS MY NATURAL CONDITION?

- “For in Thy sight no man living is righteous” (Psalm 143:2).
- “They have all turned aside. . . . There is no one who does good, not even one” (Psalm 14:3).

HOW DO I BECOME RIGHTEOUS?

- I have no hope of eternal life unless God provides a way to make me righteous.
- “For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).
- “All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment” (Isaiah 64:6).

GOD HAS PROVIDED A WAY

- “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more, then, having now been justified [declared righteous] by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him” (Romans 5:8-9).

HIS ROBES FOR MINE!

- “HE has clothed me with garments of salvation; HE has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness” (Isaiah 61:10).
- I “may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own, derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ” (Philippians 3:9).

HOW DO I LIVE A RIGHTEOUS LIFE?

- “For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him” (Philippians 2:13, NLT).
- For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago” (Ephesians 2:10, NLT).

THE TABERNACLE (TENT)



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



YOUR BODY—GOD'S TEMPLE

- “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?” (1Cor. 6:19).

LIVING A BLAMELESS LIFE (PS.15)

- Speak the truth from the heart (v.2).
- Do not slander or gossip (v.3).
- Do no wrong (v.3).
- Don't even hint at anything that will hurt others (v.3).

LIVING A BLAMELESS LIFE (PS.15)

- Hate what God hates (v.4).
- Love what God loves (v.4)
- Keep your word even when it hurts (v.4).
- Don't take advantage of others financially (v.5).

DEUTERONOMY 17

- He [the king] shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests (v.18b).
- It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes (v.19).

GOOD GOVERNMENT (PS.101)

- Balances mercy and justice (v.1)
- Has personal & institutional blamelessness, giving it the moral authority to act (2-4)
- Has no tolerance for corruption (5)
- Gives responsibility only to those above reproach (6)
- Restrains evil in the land (7-8)

PSALM 119:9-11

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.

*With all my heart I have sought You;
Do not let me wander from Your commandments.*

*Your word I have treasured
in my heart, That I may not sin
against You.*