

PSALM 1; June 5; God Sees You As Blessed or Perishing

ANALYSIS:

1. What are three things a God fearing person will depart from?

2. What outstanding characteristic marks a God fearing person?

3. Choose as many CONTRASTS as you see in this chapter. (a) a blessed man vs one who will perish, (b) godly vs ungodly, (c) Jews vs Gentiles, (d) righteous vs sinners, (e) trees vs chaff, (f) prospering vs being driven away, (g) delight vs scorn, (h) the Lord knoweth vs will perish.

4. God's blessings on a godly person's life are pictured in nature by what? _____

5. What does an ungodly person have to look forward to? _____

Bonus: Write an appropriate title for this Psalm.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

This Psalm appears to have been written as an introduction to this book of Psalms. It sets forth the truth so frequently seen in this book, Proverbs, and our Lord's sayings, that men consist of two classes -- the godly and the ungodly. Here we see the behavior and destiny of godly and ungodly men. Every person follows one of two patterns, expressing a given form and value pictured by the tree and the chaff.

All who profess to be a Christian are commanded to give diligence and add to our "faith, virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Pet 1:5-8).

Can you substitute your name for "the man" in verse one because you love the LORD, His word and obey Him? What would you have to change to do so?!

HELP:

1. Walking in the counsel of the ungodly, standing in the way of sinners, sitting in the seat of the scornful (v 1).

2. He delights in and meditates in the law of the LORD (v 2).

3. All but (c).

4. A tree planted by the river, bearing fruit, leaves not withering, prospering (v 3).

5. Being driven from God, no standing before God in the day of judgment, excluded from the congregation of the righteous, not known with favor and blessing by the LORD, perishing (vs 4-6).

Bonus: Suggestions -- The Godly Man vs The Ungodly. Delight in God's Word. Life's Alternatives. Some Prosper, Others Perish.