

BLESSED

IS THE MAN

PSALM 1



- ¹ How happy (blessed) is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path of sinners, or join a group of mockers!**
- ² Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.**



³ He is like a tree planted beside streams of water that bears its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not like this; instead, they are like chaff that the wind blows away.



⁵ Therefore the wicked will not survive the judgment, and sinners will not be in the community of the righteous.

⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

1. Who Does not Follow the Crowd

¹ *How happy (blessed) is the man who does not follow the **advice** of the wicked, or **take the path** of sinners, or **join** a group of mockers!*

a. He doesn't listen to what the crowd says.

b. He doesn't do what the crowd does.

c. He doesn't go where the crowd goes.

2. Who Has a Focus on God

2...his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

Winston Churchill said, "A fanatic is someone who can't change his mind and won't change the subject."

- ***We are to be fanatical about God.***

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8-9)

3. Whose Faith Endures

³ He is like a tree planted beside streams of water that bears its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prosper.

There will be times when we must face the wind and rain, there will be days of drought when we must endure the scorching heat; there will be long, lonely winters that are cold and bitter.

How we are planted determines how we continue.

Implications

First, the psalmist says that *there is* a place where one can live where there is blessing.

Second, this blessing requires us as Christians to be meditating on the truth of God as often as we can.

Third, it takes time and possibly pain to grow in character and righteousness.

Finally, for those who love the Lord and want to live a life pleasing to him, they need to know that God is the one who will keep them to the end.