

Summer of Psalms

Sinners & Saints – Psalm 1
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Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. – **Psalm 1:5-6**

I. BLESSING = DELIGHT

- Blessings are both a gift from God and a result of our own behavior (vss. 1-3; Deut. 11:26; Num. 6:24-26).
- The Christian's delight is to meditate on God's teachings (Torah). Believers now know the blessing of this teaching "written on our hearts" via the work of the Holy Spirit (Ps. 37:4; Jer. 31:31-34; Ezek. 11:19; 36:26; John 14:26; Rom. 2:15; 2 Cor. 3:3).
- The results of God's blessings are fruitfulness and stability, and to be "known" by God (vs. 3, 6; Ex. 33:17; Ps. 37:18).

II. WICKEDNESS = REJECTION

- The wicked, rather than being known, are dispersed and will have no place among the saints of God (vss. 4-6; Ps. 37:35-36).

III. TWO PATHS

- We have choices to make in life. God has set before us two paths (Deut. 30:11-20; Matt. 7:13-14).

KNOW: Those who seek the Lord are doubly blessed, both in this life and the life to come.

DO: Delight yourself in God. Pursue him.

Recommended Reading:

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer (LifePoint Library #248.4 TOZ)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Psalm 1

1. What is the psalmist's main point in Psalm 1?
2. What are the results of pursuing God in this Psalm? The results of pursuing our own way?
3. There are "do's" and "do not's" here. What are they?
4. What does it mean to be known by the Lord?
5. Is the end of the wicked the same in the Old Testament as it is in the New? In other words, is there consistency?
6. How do we help a person who is considering the "two paths" in life and deciding which path to take?
7. In what ways does the teaching of this Psalm impact you?