

"Blessed is the Man" Psalms 1:1.

Southside morning - 1-3-42
1-As the others; this Psalm has not title, but has ben generally considered, but without special reason, as a preface or introduction to the whole book.

1-Blessed is the man: The Hebrew gives us a more emphatic picture; *blessedness (pl)*

2-Blessed is that man; that one among *ten* a thousand who lives for the accomplishments of the end for which God created him.

1-God made man for happiness.

2-Every man feels a desire to be happy.

3-All human beings abhor misery.

4-Happiness is the grand object of pursuit among all men.

(So perverted is the human heart, that it seeks happiness where it cannot be found; and in things which are naturally and morally unfit to communicate happiness.)

3-The true way of obtaining happiness is here laid down.

1-Happy is the man:

1-Who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly.

2-Nor standeth in the way of sinners.

3-Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

4-A double climax in this verse:

1-There are here three characters, each exceeding the other in sinfulness.

2-The ungodly: The ungodly is unjust, rendering to none his due. 1-He is without God in the world. *withholds from society & God what he owes*

3-The sinner: This man not only does no good, but he does evil. The ungodly was without God, but not desperately wicked. The sinner adds outward transgression to the sinfulness of his heart.

4-The scornful: He derides and mocks Christians. As the sinner exceeds the ungodly, so the *scornful exceeds the sinner*

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5-The second climax is found in the words:

- 1-Walk; 2-Stand; 3-Sit; which mark three different degrees of evil in the conduct of those persons involved.

6-Notice certain circumstances of their differing characters and conduct:

1-The ungodly man has his counsel:

1-He is unconcerned about religion:

2-He is neither zealous about his own salvation nor that of others.

3-He counsels and advises those with whom he meets to adopt his plan, and not trouble themselves about praying, reading, repenting.

(Blessed is the man who walks not in this man's counsel, who does not come into his measure, nor act according to his plan)

2-The sinner has his way:

1-One may transgress God's law in many ways.

2-One is a drunkard, Another is dishonest, Another unclean. (To sin is to-----)

3-Miss the mark: Phil.3:14; I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Sin is the only thing that will cause you to miss that mark)

3-The scornful has his seat:

1-The scorner has brought, in reference to himself, all religion and moral feeling to an end. He has sat down--is utterly confirmed in impiety, And makes a mock at sin.

2-His conscience is seared; and he is a believer in all unbelief. (Blessed is the man who sits not down in his seat)

7-The correspondent relations in this account are:

1-He who walks according to the counsel of the ungodly will soon; Stand to look on the way of sinners; and being hardened through the deceitfulness of sin will sit down with the scorner, and endeavour to turn religion into

ridicule. And finally: JAMES 1:15 *Concealed but living sin and finished and some death*

