

"Blessed is the Man" Psalms 1:2.

- 1-That 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-Negatively:

1-He is wisely careful not to have evil companionship. ( He knows that, "he that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed) (Prov.13:20)

2-Hence he shuns:

1-The ungodly, the sinners, the scornful; He will neither follow their counsel, nor stand in their way, nor sit in their seat.

5-On the positive side:

1-In avoiding evil, he does not throw himself upon a blank.

2-It is a remarkable fact that, as the antitheses of UNGODLY, SINNERS, SCORNFUL, WE DO NOT GET:

"godly," "Pure," "Reverent."

3-If he cannot have the right companions he will do without them, and yet, he will not be lonely.

4-The Law of Jehovah will be before his eyes and in his heart. (And herein he will have a safe guide for the pathway he should follow) In thus following God's law he will have:

1-Ample material for thought: In his Law doth he meditate day and night. Verse 2

5-The word law is sometimes used to indicate: 1-Sentence, 2-Statute or decree, 3-Command or charge. In this instance it comes from a Hebrew word ( Torah ) which gives it a wider range of meaning: 1-It denotes, teaching, or instruction, whether human or Divine.

Prov.1:8; My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

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- 6-The psalmist do not mean to say that a man will always be thinking upon one topic.
- 1-By day he will use the Law of God as a direction post to point the way, by night, as a pillow upon which to rest his head.
  - 2-But his delight is in the Law of the Lord:
    - 1-His will, 2-his desire; 3-his affection;
    - 4-every motive in his heart; 5-and every moving principle in his soul; 6-are on the side of God and his truth. ( He brings all his actions and affections to this Holy standard )
- 7-He looketh into the perfect law of liberty:  
( James 1:22-25 ) He is not a forgetful hearer.
- 1-Verse 21; The wise hearer is a receiver of the Word. James in the next verses emphasizes the fact that he is also a **DOER** of it. .
  - 2-Receiving the Word represents the root of the Christian life. 3-And the doing of the Word indicates its FRUIT
  - 4-There are very many hearers of the gospel who are not sufficiently upon their guard against the dreadful danger of being, "hearers only."
  - 5-James 1:24; For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
    - 1-He considered himself; 2-and has gone away;
    - 3-and straightway forgot what he was like.
- 8-The contrast of the two men:
- 1-One man beholdeth himself and forgetteth what manner of man he was. (Forgetful hearer )
  - 2-The mere hearer forgets his:
    - 1-Spiritual uncomeliness: 2-He finds it convenient not to remember that what he saw was the features of the "old man," which waxeth corrupt after the lusts of the flesh
  - 3-The other man looketh into the perfect law:  
A serious, eager, anxious gaze of the soul.

