

Power Scriptures #3

Text: Psalm 1

Theme: The Blessed Man

Key Points:

1. To be a man blessed by God begins with what you DON'T DO (vs 1):
 - You can't live a life blessed by God if you are doing evil. The first step to following the Lord into his kingdom is to leave the darkness behind.
 - This is called "the fear of the LORD", and it is the beginning of wisdom. Through the fear of the Lord, men depart from evil and the snares of death so that you might enter into the path of life.
 - Stop listening to the same old voices; stop hanging out with the same old crowd; don't do what they do. Separate yourself from the evil
2. The power of the word of God (vs 2):
 - To be blessed is not to just STOP doing evil, but it is to START seeking God and his word with all your heart. His word is ABSOLUTE TRUTH; it is unchanging; it will STAND for ever; it cannot be overthrown.
 - The more you know the word of the Lord, meditate on it, and walk in it, the more you will see how perfect and trustworthy the Lord and his word are.
3. The fruit of a life planted in the word (vs 3):
 - God created this earth and he created us. He designed us. If we follow him and trust him our lives will flourish. He did not design us to destroy us; he designed us to live a wonderful life full of faith, joy, peace, love, truth, & hope.
4. The ungodly will not endure (vs 4-6):
 - Those who refuse to listen to God and refuse to live life the way he designed it will perish. They destroy themselves and must ultimately be judged by God.
5. In the end there are only 2 groups of people on planet earth:
 - There are those who are "blessed" & "righteous" because they turned from evil and turned to the Lord and listened to and believed him (the "sheep"); these will live forever and ever with God in his kingdom.
 - There are those who are "ungodly" & "sinners" because they refused to turn from evil and trust the Lord (the "goats"); these will be cast into outer darkness and perish in his holy wrath in the lake of fire.

CONCLUSION: Which group will you fall into? Will you be like Abel or Cain? In the end, it all comes down to WHO you listen to, WHO you follow, and WHO you love.