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The Blessed

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! Psalm 1:1

In life, one thing we all seek is to be blessed. We want our lives to be blessed. We want our families to be blessed. We want to be blessed in business and in our relationships. To be blessed is high on our list, but do we always recognize our blessings, or why we are so blessed? The first Psalm is dedicated to a comparison between the righteous and the wicked. This month I want to consider this Psalm verse by verse, and specifically look at what behavior will help us to be blessed by God.

In Psalm 1:1 we see that blessings come to those who are careful about where they walk, stand and sit. A man who wants to be blessed must be careful about who he allows into his realm of influence. A blessed man will have to protect his heart and his mind from the influence of the wicked.

There are many sources of counsel in this world. The TV, internet, movies, TV, and news articles are usually promoting an agenda or counsel of one sort or another. As Christians we must be careful where we walk when it comes to receiving counsel. We also see that to be blessed we must also not stand in the path of sinners. It is a difficult decision for most to walk away from relationships that have been meaningful, but sometimes in order to be blessed we must move away from close relationships that lead to the path of those who choose sin over obedience. Finally, the writer tells us that we cannot sit in the seat of scoffers. Sitting down with someone means you have moved into a close relationship with them. To sit with those who belittle, mock, and disparage the Lord or His people will not bring a blessing in life. Their mindset will slowly infiltrate our lives and keep us from being blessed. May we all seek the Lord and His blessings. See you Sunday!

John

Motives

Proverbs 16:2 *All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the Lord.*

Is it not strange how we will judge someone for a particular act and then find ourselves doing the same and find no problems in doing so? A simple illustration would be calling someone unsafe, inconsiderate and a lawbreaker for traveling 80 mph on the interstate. Later that day we find ourselves running late for an appointment and so we put the car up to 80 mph to make up some time. We reason that it is ok because we are in a hurry to this important meeting. We have declared ourselves innocent. Is there a sin that you are committing that you are justifying your reasons for doing so? We may declare ourselves innocent but what would the Lord say?

Paul declared about himself, "My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me." He goes on to say that the Lord would expose the motives of men's hearts. Is your conscience clear? Are your motives proper? Through self justification and rationalization we sometimes fail to see the real truth. In Hebrews, we read that the word of God will "judge the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Solomon talked of a poor man that had to steal in order to eat. His mind was telling him it was the only way to satisfy his hunger but Solomon concluded by saying the man dishonors the name of God. We would be wise to consider our motivation in all that we do. Ask, why did I just do that? May we strive to keep our motives pure and do all for the purpose of glorifying the Lord.

Joe

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SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader:Greg Lusk
 Prayer:.....Daniel Thomas
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Benny Bolton
 Jerry Ballard Max Ballard
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Read:Jody Pritchett
 Sermon:John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Ryan Grice
 Prayer.....Tommy Hood
 Read:Aaron Sullivan
 Sermon:John Thomas
 Presiding.....Jeremy Britt
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Shaun Townsend

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 13, 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Reba Jones

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