**BMBC SERMONIC BIBLE STUDY**

**LET’S LEARN DEEPER AND PRESS TO DO BETTER.**

**6/19/2024**

I SEE YOU TRYING

Psalm 1 (NKJV)

Psalm 1:1–6 (NKJV): The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

 1 Blessed is the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the  ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

 Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 But  his delight is in the law of the Lord,

 And in His law he  meditates day and night.

3 He shall be like a tree

 Planted by the  rivers of water,

That brings forth its fruit in its season,

Whose leaf also shall not wither;

And whatever he does shall  prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so,

But are  like the chaff which the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,

Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For  the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**PSALM 1** describes a road to a destination.  One is the fulfillment of living God’s way; the other, that if followed, will lead to destruction, unable to pass God’s judgment at the end of life and being separated from God like useless chaff blown away by the wind.

Special Consideration of verses:

1. Our Separation (verse 1)

2. Our Meditation (Verse 2)

3. Our Maturation (Verse 3)

4. Our Destination (Verses 4-6)

**DISCUSSION: PSALM 1, DESCRIBES THE NARROW ROAD; HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THE NARROW ROAD TO A NEW CONVERT USING THE GRACE YOU HAVE RECEIVED?**

SERMONIC POINTS:

1  CONSIDER YOUR STEPS

2 CHOOSE A PATH

3  A COMPROMISE COULD BE YOUR DEMISE

**1  CONSIDER YOUR STEPS V1**

1 Blessed is the man, who walks not in the counsel of the  ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

-EVERY STEP YOU TAKE IS TAKING YOU SOMEWHERE.  YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT

  YOU’RE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

-GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION…MEANS YOU MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS.

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**2 CHOOSE A PATH V2-3**

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

If you want to be blessed, you have to study the Book that’s full of blessings. You have to delight in it and meditate on what it says day and night. David wrote Psalm 1 after spending time thinking about Joshua 1:8: This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success. Psalm 19 speaks of God’s law with great affection––and in terms that we can readily understand:

**Psalms 19:7-11**

**7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**

**8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

**9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

**11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.**

The Word of God cleanses, it sanctifies and gives you righteousness.  Jesus prayed to God his Father for his disciples in John 17:17, “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”  The truth sanctifies, that is, it makes us holy.

-SOME STUFF, IN YOUR LIFE HAS TO GO…YOU CAN’T LEAVE YOUR LIFE EMPTY.  YOU CAN’T

  JUST TELL YOURSELF YOU’RE GOOD…YOU HAVE TO FILL YOURSELF WITH WHAT IS GOOD.

-DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU? How?

**3 He shall be like a tree**

**Planted by the  rivers of water,**

**That brings forth its fruit in its season,**

**Whose leaf also shall not wither;**

**And whatever he does shall  prosper.**

 -“Whatever he does shall prosper.” We must be careful here, because we have known faithful people who have not prospered. In fact, many devout and godly people have been martyred for their faith. I prefer to regard this sort of statement as hyperbole––exaggerated language to make a point.

**QUESTION: WHY IS CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH SO DIFFICULT TO LIVE?**

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**3 A COMPROMISE COULD BE YOUR DEMISE**(POWERFUL)

BUT THE UNGODLY ARE NOT SO

**ANYTHING YOU COMPROMISE TO GET YOU WILL HAVE TO COMPROMISE TO KEEP! THOUGHTS!**

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The blessed person leads a life anchored in the Word of God, which is therefore spiritually productive in God's sight. The lives of the wicked are unproductive in God's sight. The lifestyle of the wicked is as unstable and valueless as chaff.

"The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away."

"Not so!" That is exactly how verse 4 begins in the Hebrew Bible. It is an emphatic negative assertion. Literally, it says, "Not so, the wicked!" It refers back to the three preceding verses describing the righteous, godly believer, who:

- is happy many times over (but "not so, the wicked!")

- delights and meditates in the Word (but "not so, the wicked!")

- is like a tree (but "not so, the wicked!")

- is fruitful and prosperous (but "not so, the wicked!")

What is the definition of an ungodly person?

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To get a good definition of what it means to be ungodly.  Just look back at verse 1!

* Un-godly—Not like God.  List the attributes of God (holy, loving, wise, merciful, etc.), then you’ll see that the ungodly are the opposite of that. They have “departed from the correct path or way, either out of ignorance or revolt.”
* Sinner—To “sin” means to break the law.  Sometimes they break the family’s laws, sometimes the nation’s, and usually God’s. They make an “ignorant or imprudent deviation from a code of behavior, missing the mark.”
* Scornful—Not only are they wicked, the opposite of God, and sinners, but they delight in doing evil!  They make fun of God and His ways—and His people. They “imitate another person’s speech in scorn; they mock.”

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**GOD KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE!**

Psalm 139:1-2, “You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.  You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.”  To the wicked, this is a terrifying thought, but to the righteous, this is protection and guidance.  God knows you when you are in the darkest place, God knows when you are the most lonely, the most hurt, God knows when you are being persecuted, and God knows when you are suffering, and in his right time he will deliver you and never let you go.  He will never let you out of his sight, nor will your life ever be lost in his hands.  **There will come a day of reckoning, as we saw in verse 5, the day of judgment, when the Lord will separate the righteous from the wicked, and all confusion, chaos and disorder will be restored, in his time, for his glory.  But until then, KEEP TRYING.**

My Prayer

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, thank You that Jesus is my worthy High Priest Who has walked this earthly pathway before me. Thank You that He knows and cares about the difficulties I face in my earthly walk. Thank You that the Holy Spirit is accompanying me through all the changing scenes of life and is with me in every daily task I undertake. May I rest in Your love more each day, in the assurance that You know the path I take and that You are bringing to completion the good work that You have started in me. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.