

DELIGHTING IN THE BIBLE IS **LIFE CHANGING**

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Message Text: Psalm 1:1-6

Introduction:

Life can be complicated. It seems there are many big and little decisions that can radically change the outcome of one's life. However, in reality, it is not that complex.

The world urges us to listen to its news anchors, its scholars and above all do not disregard "science." In important life decisions, listen to friends and family and maybe a few co-workers too. Make sure that most of your counsel comes from those that are about the same age as you. The older generation just does not understand you.

God calls us to simply hear his voice, to be still and know that He is God assuring us that He will always be exalted above the heathen. God specifically revealed His Word giving mankind all that is needed relating to life's decisions and to godly living. The person who delights and meditates in God's Word will abundantly thrive even in the midst difficulty. While those who refuse it will experience total ruin. Truly, the decision to delight in Word of God is life-changing.

1. The _____ Man's Choice (1-3)

DEFINITION—BLESSED: characterized by happiness and being highly favored (as by divine grace).

A. He _____ the World (1)

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man That walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

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WALK — to check it out

STAND — to consider it

SIT — to get comfortable with it

Proverbs 4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it, Turn from it, and pass away.

B. He _____ in the Word (2)

Psalm 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; And in his law doth he meditate day and night.

DEFINITION—DELIGHT: a feeling of extreme pleasure or satisfaction.

QUOTE: He finds it to be immensely interesting and relevant. It brings him joy and satisfaction. —Ellsworth

DEFINITION—MEDITATE: to murmur; to mutter; speaking to one's self in a low voice

QUOTE: Read the Bible, and read it again, and do not despair of help to understand something of the will and mind of God, though you think they are fast locked up from you. Neither trouble yourself, though you may not have commentaries and expositions; pray and read, and read and pray; for a little from God is better than a great deal from man. —John Bunyan

C. He _____ in the World (3)

Psalm 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water; That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

NOTE: The ungodly are likened to a heath in the desert — bramble; thorny, fruitless bush, (*Jeremiah 17:5-8*)

HE IS ROOTED IN THE _____ PLACE

John 7:37-38 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

HE IS _____ IN HIS SEASON

QUOTE: He manifests the virtues and qualities that are called the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22–23). And such a life makes him beautiful and refreshing to others. —Ellsworth

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

HE IS _____ THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

DEFINITION—WITHER: to shrivel, as with a loss of moisture.

Psalms 37:1–2 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, Neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

HE IS _____ IN ALL HE DOES

DEFINITION—PROSPER: thrive; to make steady favorable progress or succeed.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

2 Timothy 3:14–17 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2. The Ungodly Man's _____ (4-6)

QUOTE: Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them. —Unknown

A. No _____ (4)

Psalms 1:4 ...But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Psalm 73:17–19 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then understood I their end. 18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: Thou castedst them down into destruction. 19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors

B. No _____ (5-6)

Psalm 1:5-6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Conclusion

QUOTE: The first three years after conversion, I neglected the Word of God. Since I began to search it diligently, the blessing has been wonderful. I have read the Bible through one hundred times and always with increasing delight! — George Muller

Questions to Consider

On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your delight in God's Word over other content?

What would change your rating?

Are you open to doing what is necessary in order to increase your delight in God's Word?

Do you meditate on God's Word during your waking hours? If not, what consumes most of your waking thoughts?

How would your life be different if you purposefully began to meditate on God's Word?

Will you set a Bible reading goal for 2023?

Have you considered Scripture Journaling via the S.O.A.P.S. method? (*You can learn more in The One Year Bible reading Guide*)



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