

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOM THE LORD CHOOSETH

Psa 65:4 Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causet to approach *unto thee, that* he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.

Pro 10:22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

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The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich - Whatever we receive in the way of providence, has God's blessing in it, and will do us good.

1. **Blessed is the Man**: "Or Happy is the Man"

The Original word is plural (**Blessed**) and there are multiplicity of blessings which shall rest upon the man whom God chooseth and has justified, and filled with His Spirit.

- a. God made man for happiness
- b. Every human feels a desire to be happy
- c. No one wants to live a life of misery
- d. Happiness is the grand object of pursuit among men
- e. One who seeks happiness and lives an immoral life will find that it cannot be found outside of a clean heart and a relationship with God their creator.

2. To be blessed we must seek God's Approval and His favor. We must keep ourselves in the Love of God, or the approval of God. So as to stay blessed we must constantly seek and desire the favor of God.

Psa 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.

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 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.

Psa 1:4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Psa 1:5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Psa 1:6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALMS ONE

1. **Two Paths:** The way of the Righteous and the Way of the Ungodly.

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3. **There are three different types of characters mentioned here in Psalms One.**
 - a. **The Ungodly:** The wicked. The word used here is general, and would embrace all kinds and degrees of the unrighteous.
 - b. **The Sinners:** To miss the mark, to pass over the prohibited limits, to transgress. This man not only does no good, but he does evil (Born with a sinful nature). “For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God” **Rom. 3:23.**
 - c. **The Scornful:** This word properly means those who mock, deride, scoff; those who treat virtue and religion with contempt and scorn.
4. **The Second high point in Psalm 1:1; is found in the words:**
 - a. **Walk:** When men are living in sin they go from bad to worse. At first they merely *walk* in the counsel of the careless and *ungodly*, who forget God

- b. **Stand:** *stand* in the way of open *sinner*s who wilfully violate God's commandments; and if let alone, they go one step further, and become themselves highly contagious teachers and tempters of others,
- c. **Sit:** They have taken their degree in vice, and as true Doctors of Damnation they are installed, and are looked up to by others as Masters in Belial,

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, **blessing and cursing**: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Deu 30:20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

THE BLESSING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WAS OF GREAT VALUE

1. **Through the dispensation of Promise, God through Abraham would channel blessings both natural and spiritual.**

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Gal 3:14 That the **blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles** through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Gen 12:2 **And I will make of thee a great nation,....** In a literal sense, as the people of the Jews were that descended from him, and in a spiritual sense believers in all ages and of all nations, that walk in the steps of the faith of Abram, who are his children, and are blessed with him:

a. **Blessing comes through obedience:**

Gen 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, **and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:**

Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Gen 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; **because thou hast obeyed my voice.**

1. **The Blessing of the firstborn:**

- b. The recipients of the Blessing called the Birthright of the First Born
- c. Be the Priest of the family
- d. The blesser of all nations and people
- e. The promise seed of the messiah would come through them

2. **Jacob and Esau:** Jacob stole the Birthright (Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated).

Gen 27:19 And Jacob said unto his father, **I am Esau thy firstborn;** I have done according as thou biddest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

Psa 1:2

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

- a. His will, desire, affection, every motive in his heart, and every moving principle in his soul, are on the side of God and his truth. He

takes up the law of the lord as the rule of his life; he brings all his actions and affections to this holy standard. He brings all his actions and affections to this holy standard. He looketh unto the perfect law of liberty; and is not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word; and is therefore blessed in his deed. Not only read the word for more knowledge but meditates on what he has read, feeds on it; and applies it to his life that grows unto eternal life.

Psa 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Psa 37:4 **Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

Psa 37:5 **Commit thy way unto the LORD;** trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.

Psa 37:6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Psa 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Psa 37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Psa 37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

Psa 119:97 O how love I thy law! *it is* my meditation all the day.

Psa 119:98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

Psa 119:100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

Psa 119:101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

Psa 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.

Trees are used as examples many times in the bible as:

1. As Saints
2. As Nations
3. As examples of God's Judgment

1. **As Saints:**

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Psa 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Psa 92:13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Psa 92:14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Psa 92:15 To show that the LORD is upright: *he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

Isa 37:31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

2. **As a Nation:**

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Luk 21:29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

Luk 21:30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

1. **As Judgment:**

Mat 21:18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

Mat 21:19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

Mat 21:20 And when the disciples saw *it*, they marveled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

TO BE BLESSED WILL MAKE GLAD

Isa 41:18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

Isa 41:19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, *and* the pine, and the box tree together:

Isa 41:20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

Isa 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

Isa 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.