

THE TWO KINDS OF MEN

Psalm 1

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

The righteous man: V. 1-3

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.**

The wicked man: V. 4-6

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.**

We find a Contrast: **Two Men, Two Ways, Two Destinies**

God sees but two persons in this world: the godly, who are “in Christ,”

The ungodly are still “in Adam”, those under the influence of the devil.

See 1 Cor 15:22, 49. Let us look at these two persons.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive.**

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.

The Counsel of the Ungodly

• (Our spiritual life is a “walk”) It is a walk by faith. Eph 4:1,17; 5:2,8,15.

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye **henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk**, in the vanity of their mind,

Eph 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

- Who are the ungodly? Those who live as if God doesn't exist.
- It is possible for a believer to walk "in the darkness," outside the will of God? (1 Jn 1:5-7).

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The Way of Sinners

- Sin means to "miss the mark." They don't quite live as they should.
- "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov 14:12; 16:12).

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- "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts..." (Isa 55:7).

The Seat of the Scornful

Now this is the negative side. This is what the happy man does not do.

In the next verse we see what the happy man does do.

- The scorners are atheists, and in denial.
- They are willingly ignorant. They are even blind towards intelligent design, which they ascribe to randomness.
- "Surely He scorneth the scorners: but He giveth grace unto the lowly" (Prov 3:34).

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

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.

“Chewing the cud”

- Meditate on a cow chewing her cud: The cow regurgitates the grass, chews it again a second time before swallowing the second time.

In the same way we should chew on the word of God over and over again.

Meditation is to the soul what “digestion” is to the body.

- Joy in the Word of God (Cf. Jer 15:16, Ezek 3:3, & Rev 10:9).

Jer 15:16 Thy words were found, and **I did eat them**; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Eze 3:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, **cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee**. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

The Bible is the most thrilling Book. It’s not a burden; it is not boring!

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Jeremiah 15:16

And he said unto me, **Son of man, cause thy belly to eat**, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. **Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness**.

Ezekial 3:3

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Revelation 10:9

And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, **Give me the little book.** And he said unto me, **Take it, and eat it up;** and it shall make thy belly bitter, but **it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.**

We find that God said the same thing to three prophets of God. “”eat the WORD”

We must eat of the doctrine of the Bible. We must love it to the point we are willing to eat and consume it’s contents.

Psa 34:9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for **there is no want to them that fear him.**

Psalm 92:12-13

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.