

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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The Blessed Man of Psalms

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The Psalms reveal two groups of people: the blessed and the cursed. “For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off” (Ps. 37:22). We take a look at the blessed man.

1) ***He Walks Not in the Counsel of the Ungodly, Nor Stands in the Way of Sinners, Nor Sits in the Seat of the Scornful (Ps. 1:1).*** This text shows the progressiveness of sin in three words: *walketh*, *standeth*, and *sitteth*. We must cut off sin at the first step! If not, we’ll find ourselves sitting in the seat of the scornful! Where are you walking, standing and sitting?

2) ***His Delight Is in the Law of the Lord (Ps. 1:2).*** Where is your delight? “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the

Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb” (Ps. 19:7-10).

3) ***In His Law He Meditates Day and Night (Ps. 1:2).*** The Psalmist exclaimed, “O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day” (Ps. 119:97). How often do you ponder and reflect upon the Lord’s law?

4) ***He Is Like a Tree (Ps. 1:3).*** The blessed man is a planted man, “...planted by the rivers of water...” We must have our feet on the ground, spiritually. He is also a fruitful man, “...that bringeth forth his fruit in his season...” The unfruitful will be cast out and cut off by the Lord (Jn. 15).

5) ***He Trusts in the Lord (Ps. 2:12).*** A number of times the Psalmist spoke of the blessedness of putting your trust in the Lord. “O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him” (Ps. 34:8). Notice also Psalms 40:4 and 84:12.

6) ***His Transgression Is Forgiven (Ps. 32:1-2).*** The blessed man is a forgiven man. He acknowledges his sin and confesses his transgressions, like David who said, “I have sinned...” (2 Sam. 12:13).

7) ***He Respects Not the Proud (Ps. 40:4).*** The Lord hates “A proud look...” (Prov. 6:17). “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall” (Prov. 16:18). “...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble” (Jas. 4:6).

8) ***He Does Not Turn Aside to Lies (Ps. 40:4).***

Remember Ananias and Sapphira? They lied and died, were carried and buried! (Acts 5). "...all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone..." (Rev. 21:8).

9) **He Considers the Poor (Ps. 41:1).** The Lord has always made provision for the poor. If you were a Jew under the law, you left the corners of the field for the poor (Lev. 23:22). Jesus said, "...ye have the poor always with you..." (Mt. 26:11).

10) **He Is Chosen By God (Ps. 65:4).** God has always had those known as His chosen. In Old Testament times, Israel was God's chosen (Dt. 7:6). Today, those in Christ are God's chosen (Eph. 1:3-4). Paul wrote the Galatians, "...baptized into Christ" (Gal. 3:27). Are you God's chosen?

11) **He Dwells in God's House (Ps. 84:4).** The house of God in the Old Testament was the temple. Today, God's house is the church — "...the house of God, which is the church of the living God..." (1 Tim. 3:15). Peter penned, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house..." (1 Pet. 2:5). Are you a house-dweller?

12) **His Strength Is in God (Ps. 84:5).** Where is your strength? The Psalmist said, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower" (Ps. 18:2).

13) **He Is Chastened By the Lord (Ps. 94:12).** We may not think of chastening as a blessing, but "Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord..." "For whom the Lord loveth he

correcteth..." (Prov. 3:12).

14) **He Keeps Judgment and Does Righteousness At All Times (Ps. 106:3).** "For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright" (Ps. 11:7).

15) **He Feels the Lord (Ps. 112:1).** "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord..." (Ps. 128:1). If we reverence the Lord as we should, we will walk in His ways.

16) **He Walks in the Law of the Lord (Ps. 119:1).** Read Psalm 119 to gain an appreciation for the Lord's law. Are you walking in it?

17) **He Keeps the Lord's Testimonies and Seeks Him with the Whole Heart (Ps. 119:2).**

Can you place a check mark beside all these?

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