

Sermon Study Guide



The God-Blessed Man

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Reflect

What is the importance of having non-Christian friends? But what are the dangers of always being around them?

Read and Discuss

Scripture

Psalm 1

Discussion Questions

People want to be blessed by God. Psalm 1, known as the wisdom Psalm, helps us discover the characteristics of a man or woman that is blessed by God:

1. **Avoids the pitfalls of evil (v. 1).** What are the three things that a blessed man does not engage in? Describe how these three things could progress and lead you to pitfalls if you do not choose to stay away from it. How would living out the virtue of integrity keep you from these pitfalls?
2. **Loves the Word of God (v. 2).** How does a blessed man delight in the Word of God? What does it mean when a person meditates on the Word of God? What could be avoided if you know and understand the Scripture?
3. **Bears fruit (v. 3).** How are the fruits of stability, provision, productivity, vibrancy, and success described in verse 3? Where do you anchor yourself so that you will remain strong in the midst of the storms of life? Are you positioning yourself in such a way that you are ready to receive God's abundant supply? How are you staying attached to the Vine, the One who can make your life fruitful? Where do you draw strength when you are feeling dry and withering? How are you preparing yourself so

that God will bless whatever you are involved in?

4. **Understands the emptiness of ungodliness (v. 4-5).** How does the psalmist describe the painful destiny of those who choose to ignore God? How does emptiness manifest itself in a person's life? How does ungodliness lead to God's judgment? For Christians, what are the possible consequences if you are careless with the choices you make everyday instead of intentionally living right with God?
5. **Lives in God's protection and guidance (v. 6).** Are you secured in God's hands? Do you have a personal testimony that describes clearly how your life is under God's protection and guidance? Share with the group.

Respond

In Walk: Psalm 1 gives us a clear picture of two different ways that lead to two different results: the way of the righteous where God is intimately watching and looking over His people, and the way of the wicked which in the end shall be destroyed. The way we go is a choice that we have to make everyday. One leads to blessedness and happiness and one that leads to disappointments, emptiness, and destruction. Which way will you choose to go? What needs to be changed in your beliefs, values, and lifestyle to keep your feet on the right path and bear fruits?

In Prayer: Heavenly Father, You have given me clear instructions on how I should live my life in order to be blessed. Lord, help me to reach out to my non-Christian friends and loved ones and to the people around me who are spiritually lost, but help me also to avoid being influenced by their lives and values that would lead me to a disastrous relationship with You. May You empower me to live a life that characterizes the God-blessed person. In Jesus' name. Amen.