

April 3, 2011  
"Blessedness, Our Chief End, and Rules"  
Psalm 1

*We live in a day and age that does not like RULES, especially RULES in regard to Faith or Religion, like the Westminster Shorter Catechism, or even RULES / LAWS in the Bible –*

**WSC 1** What is the chief end of man? **A.** Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

**WSC 2** What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? **A.** The word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

1. *Yet, as much as we rebel against God's rules and our own chief end, we typically (hypocritically) expect our own creatures to live up to their chief ends –*

1. *What is the chief end of a lamp or a light bulb?  
Answer: to give off light!*

*What do we do with light bulbs or lamps when they cease giving off light and cannot or will not be repaired --- do we love and cherish them? NO, we typically and you might say CRUELLY or heartlessly through that bulb in the trash!*

2. *What is the chief end of a computer? To compute!  
When my computer doesn't compute I have often got angry with it (it has felt my WRATH) ... and if the computer is beyond repair, I send it to computer Hell, the trash heap!*
3. *We typically treat total cars, dishwashers, broken toys the same way, if they do not fulfill their purpose, we get rid of them!*

II. *Our Blessedness, in God's eyes, is tied up with our fulfillment of our chief end (our purpose) our working according to His commands –*

**Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. (Psalm 1:1-2 NKJ)**

1. *Our Blessedness has everything to do with God's favor toward us –*
  - *I favor (BLESS) my computer when it works well for me, this particular one has many sermons on it, I take care of it, have worked to repair it!*
  - *Yet if it started walking in the counsel of the ungodly ... some nasty satanic hacker sends a computer virus!*
2. *Our Blessedness has everything to do with UNDERSTANDING HIS WORD, His LAW, His Rule – Psalm 1:2*
  - *What is the chief end of a football? Not to be passed or carried or kicked ... the chief end of a football is to be used in the game of football, a very complicated and LOVED game!*

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5.0 out of 5 stars **You will know football even though you are not an American**, January 29, 2005

By **J. Murphy** (Louisiana, USA) - **This review is from: The Complete Idiot's Guide to Football (2nd Edition) (Paperback)**

I'm a Chinese girl and never watched any American football games in Hong Kong until I married to an American and moved to United States one and half years ago. He is a football fan and he keeps track his team every day, not to mention especially during the regular season every Sunday.

I started to watch football games with him, and I liked it a lot. Now, I understand why so many American like football. I asked many questions while I was watching the game, because I wanted to understand it more. Therefore, I read this book last year and it gave me a lot of basic information in an easy way. More interesting is the

book gives many statistics and facts that I was impressed by the football business. Anyone has no idea about football, this book can help.

Now, my husband was surprised that I knew football so well and we discussed football a lot during the regular season this year. This book helps us to have more conversation topics.

*My point is not to promote football, my point is J. Murphy loved her husband and she loved (gave 5 \*s) to "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Football" because it helped her to understand football and ultimately IMPROVED her relationship with her husband! She gained his blessing, his favor!*

### *III. Our relationship with God blossoms and is blessed when we delight in His law (His Word, the Bible) –*

**He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.<sup>4</sup> The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. (Psalm 1:3-4 NKJ)**

1. *A tree planted is CARED FOR*
2. *By rivers of water, means well cared for --- brought into good providential conditions –*

**And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.<sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (Romans 8:28-29 NKJ)**

3. *Bears fruit in season is the fruit of the Spirit –*  
**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23 NKJ)**

4. *And prospers according to God's will –*  
**"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:8 NKJ)**

*Now, those who do not delight in God's law, understand and fulfill the purposes God has created them for God has a different attitude toward these –*

**The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. (Psalm 1:4 NKJ)**

### *IV. Note, the godly (those who delight in God's law and fulfill their purpose) have a different FINAL DESTINATION than do those who rebel against God and His law –*

**Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalm 1:5-6 NKJ)**

*There are no burned out light bulbs or virus filled computers and yet the good news is God can repair us –*

<sup>9</sup> **Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.**

<sup>11</sup> **And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. (1Co 6:9-11 NKJ)**

**They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, `Peace, peace!' When there is no peace. (Jeremiah 6:14 NKJ)**

*There is a false teaching prevalent today, similar to Jeremiah's day, false prophets are telling people they do not need to repent, they do not need to change, they do not NEED Jesus or God's Word the Bible and they call this love!*

*This is no more LOVING than telling a man who is running full speed toward a cliff, "keep going, you are going great, love your form" ...*

*We need to stop such running toward Hell sinners in their tracks that is the LOVING thing to do!*

*If we love God, we love His law!*

**"If you love Me, keep My commandments. (John 14:15 NKJ)**