

BOOK OF THE PSALMS
THE SUCCESS OF THE BLESSED
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INTRODUCTION

For the last three weeks, we have looked at the one whom the **PSALMIST** calls **THE BLESSED MAN** (*Vs 1*) and whose life is pictured in *Verse 3* as being **FULL OF LIFE, FRUITFUL, and PROSPEROUS** or **SUCCESSFUL IN THE EYES OF THE LORD!**

We saw in *Verse 1* how this **BLESSED MAN** is **DIFFERENT** than the **UNGODLY! HIS WORLD VIEW IS NOT LIKE THE UNGODLY, therefore HE DOESN'T WALK IN THEIR COUNSEL!**

The **UNGODLY** view things from a **TEMPORAL, WORLDLY** perspective while the **BLESSED** man views things from an **ETERNAL, HEAVENLY** perspective! So, therefore, **THE BLESSED MAN'S DEFINITION OF SUCCESS IS MUCH DIFFERENT** than the **UNGODLY!** In fact the **UNGODLY** may even deem the **BLESSED MAN** as a **LOSER** from his perspective! But when the **JUDGMENT** comes for **EACH**, the **UNGODLY** will be the **LOSER** while the **BLESSED MAN** wins in the end because of the **LORD** in his life!

We also saw in *Verse 1* how this **BLESSED MAN** has a different **PATH!** He is not found **IN THE WELL WORN WAY OF SINNERS! HIS WAY** is **MUCH DIFFERENT** than **SINNERS** because **HE HAS BEEN MADE A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST JESUS**, therefore he **PUTS OFF THAT OLD MAN** that once characterized his life before he trusted **CHRIST** and **PUTS ON THE NEW MAN THAT IS CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS!**

Then last week we saw in *Verse 1* how this **BLESSED MAN** is not found **SITTING IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL!** His **CONVERSATION** is **DIFFERENT** than those who **SCORN** both **GOD** and the **RIGHTEOUS!** **THE BLESSED MAN IS RIGHTEOUS IN THE LORD** and **SO HE SEPARATES HIMSELF** from the **SCORNERS** and **SCOFFERS!**

He feels out of place when surrounded by the devil's crowd because his **AFFECTION** is set on things above in stark contrast to the **UNGODLY, the SINNERS, and the SCORNERS** who are all about this world!

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Tonight we move into *Verse 2* and see the **PLEASURE OF THE BLESSED MAN**— He is genuinely and completely in love with the **WORD OF GOD!**

I. WE SEE THE WORD HAS CAPTURED HIS FULL AFFECTION! (*Vs 2a – But his delight is in the law of the LORD*)
The word translated “**DELIGHT**” means “**PLEASURE!**”
He understands that the **WORD OF GOD** isn't a book of fables, myths and legends as the world tries to label it!

He knows the **WORD OF GOD** is the **GOD-BREATHED, INFALLIBLE, INERRANT and ABSOLUTELY PERFECT WORD OF THE MOST HIGH** and he treats it as such!

1 Thessalonians 2:13—“*For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*”

What one **DOES** with the **WORD OF GOD** shows what one **TRULY BELIEVES** about the **WORD OF GOD!** If you can take it or leave it, most likely you'll leave it more than take it!

The **BLESSED MAN LOVES THE WORD** and so he seeks to **LIVE BY THE WORD** finding in its pages the **COUNSEL** he needs, the **PATHS** he should take, and the **CONVERSATION** that pleases the **LORD!**

In the **WORD** he finds **ALL** he needs to **GROW** and **PROSPER** in the **LORD!**

He **LOVES** the **WORD** because he recognizes its **GREAT VALUE** of **GOD'S WORD!**

What is the **VALUE OF THE WORD?**:

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Job 23:12– “Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.”

1. The WORD Is Valued For Its SPIRITUAL Milk!

1 Peter 2:2– “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”

It gives the **BELIEVER** a good spiritual foundation to grow up strong and healthy in the **LORD!**

2. The WORD Is Valued For Its SPIRITUAL Meat!

Hebrews 5:12-14

It provides all we need to make us strong in the Lord!

3. The WORD Is Valued As A SPIRITUAL Staple!

Matthew 4:4– “...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

Bread is considered one of the staple foods of the world! No matter where you go, people eat bread! (Except those who are on some strange fad diet!)

Man also needs the staple of **GOD’S WORD** for his spiritual life!

4. The WORD Is Valued For Its SPIRITUAL Sweetness!

Psalms 19:10– “...sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”

Think of the many **PASSAGES** that bring sweetness to our soul as we live in the midst of this bitter world! Nothing has the power to sweeten our life as much as the **WORD OF GOD!**

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B. The WORD Is Valued For Its SPIRITUAL LIGHT!

Psalms 119:105– “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Proverbs 6:23– “For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; And reproofs of instruction are the way of life.”

Ephesians 5:13– “But all things that are reprov’d are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.”

*2 Peter 1:19– “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, **as unto a light that shineth in a dark place**, until the day dawn, and the day stars arise in your hearts:*

C. The WORD Is Valued For Its SPIRITUAL TRUTH!

*Psalms 119:142– “Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And **thy law is the truth.**”*

*Psalms 119:151– “Thou art near, O LORD; And **all thy commandments are truth.**”*

*John 17:17– “Sanctify them through thy truth: **Thy word is truth.**”*

D. The WORD Is Valued As A SPIRITUAL MIRROR!
(James 1:23-25)

E. The WORD Is Valued As SPIRITUAL WATER!
(Ephesians. 5:25-27)

1. It Cleanses! (Psalm 119:9)

2. It Quenches!

Matthew 5:6– “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

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3. It Refreshes!

Isaiah 55:1—“*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters...*”

F. The WORD Is Valued As A SPIRITUAL SWORD!

Hebrews 4:12—“*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*”

Ephesians 6:17—“*And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*”

G. The WORD Is Valued As A SPIRITUAL FIRE!

Jeremiah 20:9—“*Then I said, I will not make mention of him, Nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, And I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.*”

Jeremiah 23:29—“*Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*”

H. The WORD Is Valued As A SPIRITUAL HAMMER!

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- 1. It can Build Up**
- 2. It can Break Up**

The **BLESSED MAN** is in love with the **WORD**! He knows the value of it and knows that in its pages, he can find all that his soul requires to make him all that the **LORD** wants him to be!

Because it contains the complete **REVELATION** of **GOD** to men, it meets the needs of the **BELIEVER'S** life!

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II. WE SEE THE WORD HAS CAPTURED HIS FULL ATTENTION!

“...and in his law doth he meditate day and night.” (Vs 2b)

Not only does the **BLESSED MAN LOVE THE BOOK**, but **HE MEDITATES ON THE BOOK AS HE SEEKS TO LIVE BY THE BOOK** daily! The **BIBLE** is internalized and it becomes the singular standard for his faith and practice.

The WORD OF GOD is HIS FINAL AUTHORITY!

Every thought, every move, every decision is made against the backdrop of **GOD'S WORD** and what it has to say about an issue!

However, before life can ever be lived in this fashion, one must take care to consume the **BIBLE** and make it a vital part of who we are!

The **PSALMIST** declares that the **BLESSED MAN** is the one that spends his days and his nights in the pursuit of the **BOOK**.

Conclusion

The question is this, “*How much has the **WORD OF GOD** captured our full **AFFECTION** and **ATTENTION**?*”

That's where the **BLESSING** and the **SUCCESS** or **PROSPERITY** as **BELIEVERS** is found!

Let's heed Paul's advice to the young Timothy...

2 Timothy 2:15—“*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*”

The **WORD OF GOD** is never better than when it is read and then lived out! Next week, **LORD WILLING**, we'll see the **PROSPERITY** of the **BLESSED MAN**!