

THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE EVIL

Wednesday, February 28, 13th Day of Lent

Psalm 1:1-6(ESV)

Verses 1 and 2 “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

During the season of Lent we are invited to examine ourselves, and to reflect on where we have fallen short by walking in the “counsel of the wicked” (vs.1). And, through our self-examination we are invited to look at the cross, and Jesus’ sacrifice for us, and truly repent and once again “delight in the law of the Lord” (vs.2). The psalmist sets up the contrast between the “blessed” and the “wicked”, and the consequences they face because of their choice. Every day, we find that we too face consequences of our choices, and daily must choose “the narrow gate” (Matthew7:14).

The psalmist, shows us what happens when you make God’s Word your joy and the object of focus. He says a person who is blessed is “like a tree that is planted by streams of water” (vs.3). Water is the very essence of life! Jesus says in John 4:14 “but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life”. Jesus is our stream of living water where we plant deep roots. And, because we are abiding in him we “bear fruit in season that does not wither” (vs.3) because he is “the true vine” (John 15:1). Those who are blessed live in happiness, because God’s law gives them life abundantly.

However, on the other hand, the Psalmist shows what happens to the wicked, he says they are “like chaff blown away by the wind” (vs. 4) He also says they “will perish” (vs. 6). The wicked live in tragedy, because they chose to not seek the Lord and delight in his law.

So as we journey toward the cross, may we take time to seek the one who gives life through his death, and may we delight and reflect on his law daily.

Prayer: Jesus, you are our stream of living water where we plant deep roots. Lord help us to bear fruit abundantly for Your kingdom. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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