

LESSONS FROM THE PSALMS

Scripture: Psalms I

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Introduction:

- I. LEARN THAT GOD'S WORD SETS THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE INTO ONE OF TWO DIVISIONS.
 - A. Every person is either godly or ungodly.
 - B. Every person is either saved or lost.
 - C. Every person is either born again or is still dead in trespasses and in sin.
 - D. There is no middle ground with God. You are either with Him or you are against Him.
- II. LEARN HOW GOD'S WORD CHARACTERIZES THE GODLY.
 - A. God's description begins with a negative view...
The godly:
 1. Do not walk in the counsel of the ungodly.
He does not take the wicked for his guide.
He does not listen to the advice of the wicked.
 2. Do not stand in the way of sinners.
He does not loiter in the way of sinners.
He does not walk the road that sinners tread.
 3. Do not sit in the seat of the scornful.
He does not company with scorners-contemptuous ones.
He does not join the company of mockers, scoffers and insolent people.
 - B. God's description of the godly now turns to the positive...
The godly:
 1. Delights in the law of the Lord.
His greatest pleasure is found in God's Word...Bible.
He finds his pleasure in the Bible.
 2. Meditates in the Law of the Lord day and night.
He talks with himself about the Bible day and night.
He recites it ...He pores over it ...He studies it...
 - C. The life of the godly is established ...He stands firm as a tree planted by the running water..
 1. You don't have to wonder where he stands on truth.
 2. He is never on and off ...up and down...He stands.
 - D. The life of the godly is productive—He produces fruit..
 - E. The life of the godly does not fade and grow dim...Even as he comes to the end of life here on earth...His light of Christian witness shines brighter and brighter.
 - F. The life of the godly is prosperous ...It comes to maturity and success attends all he does.
- III. LEARN HOW GOD'S WORD CHARACTERIZES THE UNGODLY.
 - A. The life of the ungodly is like chaff which the wind blows away.
 1. It is without foundation.
 2. It is like a house built on shifting sands.
 3. It has no lasting substance ...It is worthless... dead.
 - B. The life of the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment
 1. It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment.
 2. All will be judged ...BUT the ungodly shall not be able to stand.
 3. To stand means to be found innocent of blame.
 - C. The ungodly shall have no place in the congregation of the righteous.
 1. The congregation of the righteous refers to that final great assembly. Heb. 12:22,23
 2. The ungodly shall not be present for that glad last reunion in the sky.

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3. There will not be any of the ungodly in the final assembly of the righteous.

IV. LEARN WHAT IS THE FINAL DISPOSITION US ALL.

- A. God knows the way of the righteousHe cares for godly...He shall watch over us for eternity.
- B. God declares that the ungodly shall perish.
 - 1. Their life shall end in ruin.
 - 2. They are doomed to spend eternity in hell.