

Introduction

1. This Psalm shows the difference between the ungodly, the man without Christ, and the true believer.
2. There are two ideas about the author. some believe that it was written by David (1000 BC), and others believe that the author of this Psalm is Ezra (450 BC).
3. The Jews used to unite the first two Psalms into one (mocking from sinners, God's judgement).

1. BLESSED (v.1)

- 1) God's people are blessed (plural).
Many are the things that make the Christian happy. The man of God has many reasons to be happy.
- 2) This does not say we will have an easy life.
It says that even in hardship the Christian is able to rejoice (Job, Paul to the Philippians).
PSALM 144: 'Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.
PSALM 146: 'Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God.
- 3) The Holy Spirit here is reminding us that the Christian is blessed and that he that wants blessing must become a Christian.
WHY?

PLANTED BY A RIVER

His happiness is not based on what happens around him, but on his staying near the fountain of blessings and makes him fruitful (Mediterranean).

PROSPEROUS

The Christian will prosper. It does not mean an easy life, but it means that all he does is accompanied by God's blessing.

The Christian is an instrument of blessing (family, neighbours and the church). ARE WE?

2. SEPARATED

- 1) **IN HIS CONDUCT:** (v.1)
The man of God is different from the worldly man.
He is a new person. He is a new man. He thinks differently.
He has different ambitions, desires and motives. He is a holy person. He is set apart and he does not mix with what is unholy.
He is in the world but he is not of the world (the ceremonial law).
ARE WE?
- 2) **IN HIS FINAL DESTINY:** (v.4-5)
The ungodly will not enjoy the blessings of the man of God and the man of God will not suffer the torments of the ungodly.
The two will be separated.
Jesus taught about the final judgement:
'And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels' (Matthew 25:33-41).

3. DELIGHT IN GOD'S LAW

- 1) **MEDITATE:** (v.2)
The godly man, the true Christian, finds pleasure in Scriptures.
He loves the Bible (USA). The Bible is his favourite book, the theme of his meditation and the subject of his discussion.
IS THIS TRUE OF US?
- 2) **OBEY:** (v.1)
The godly man loves to be a doer of the word and not simply a hearer.
It grieves us that we do not keep the law of the LORD as we should.