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Message Info

Title:

His Delight

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Scriptures:

Psalm 1

Theme: If we delight in the Lord's instruction, we will be blessed.

Introduction: God's Word reveals to us that we are both to know God and to be known by him (1 Cor 13:12). Therefore, we should all love learning—and specifically, learning about the Lord himself. Knowing him better is among the happiest ways that we can occupy ourselves. And we come to know his especially through his word.

There are 3 parts to the chiasm of Psalm 1:

1. The decisive contrast (1, 6)

Unlike the murkiness of human politics, the Lord always provides a strong contrast between himself (the good) and evil. In this psalm, the contrast is between the blessed man and the sinner.

The blessed man is identified by his avoidance of evil company in every way: *walk* in worldly counsel, *stand* in sinful solidarity, *sit* and mock the righteous.

The failure of us all the follow these commands perfectly reveals again our great need for a Savior. He alone can forgive and free us.

If we trust Christ, we will walk in the way of the righteous, a way known to the Lord.

2. Continual delight (2, 5)

The blessed man delights in the Law of the Lord. He meditates on it. It is a source of ongoing joy and instruction to him.

The fool despises the Lord's word and his law. He thinks himself above such sources, as more sophisticated and enlightened. His end is death.

Delight in the Lord produces enduring life and constancy; despising the Lord produces deconstruction and death.

3. Endurance and success (3-4)

The wicked are the chaff—empty and insubstantial, to be blown away by the Lord. The ideals and values of the wicked are chaff—they are futile striving against God and his truth.

The righteous are like trees planted. They are substantial and enduring. Their strength and fruit are produced by God's grace.

Questions:

1. Do you delight in God's word? How would you like to grow in your study?
2. Are you struggling to endure?
3. How has/is the Lord blessed/blessing you?

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