

- 1. Blessings are things that bring happiness, joy, satisfaction.
- 2. Psalm elevates the matter of blessing to a much higher level. It sets before us two courses in life.
- 3. Anyone in his right mind would want the blessing of God in his life. But there are requirements to meet.

CHALLENGE: Pursue God's blessing God's way

- A. Rejecting the way of the world, 1:1
  - 1. Walk not in the counsel of the ungodly.
    - a. Counsel?
    - b. Ungodly?
    - c. Counsel of the ungodly?
  - 2. Stand not in the way of sinners.
    - a. Meaning?
    - b. Progression: start listening and accepting the advice of the ungodly and you will soon be living like the ungodly.

3. Sit not in the seat of the scornful.

a. More progression. The person who listens to ungodly counsel and enters into the sinner's sin loses interest in God, becomes scornful.

b. The Scornful? Those who mock.

## B. Pursuing the way of God, 1:2

1. Delight in God's law.

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

II Tim. 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

2. Meditate in God's Law day and night.

## C. Anticipating God's blessing, 1:3

1. Like a planted tree.

Do what is right because you love God and want to please Him, and God will take care of you like a planted tree to bless you.

- 2. Like a tree planted by rivers of water.
- 3. Like a tree that brings forth its fruit in its season.
- 4. Like a tree whose leaves do not wither.
- 5. Whatever you do will prosper. This means that God is going to make your life a happy life (even when some bad things come into your life).