
PSALM ONE

Whose counsel will you listen to and live by in 2025?

The promise is that if you delight in God's word you will be blessed. Happiness comes from what happens to you. Blessing is what happens to you through knowing God and meditating on His word. A mind that is not renewed with God's word is vulnerable to deception (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

1) Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly – vs.1

- There is a progression of settling into the culture around you. Walking, then standing, and then sitting – Romans 12:2
- Lot ended up sitting in the gates of Sodom
- *Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. Genesis 19:1*
- Lot was once very blessed when he was with Abraham. He ended up drunk in a cave with just the clothes on his back

2) Blessed is the person who meditates in God's word – vs.2-3

- Meditating on God's word means to think about it
- *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:8*
- A fruitful tree has deep roots - *Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. Mark 11:20*
- Be rooted in God's love – Ephesians 3:14-21
- We want the year to be crowned with fruitfulness - *You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance. Psalms 65:11*

3) The destiny of the ungodly – vs.4-6

- Any prosperity that they have is transitory and passing
- They have no lasting stability



24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." Matthew 7:24-27