

Just Checking In #120 The Blessed Misfit Part 1 Psalm 1:1-2

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*Psalm 39:12 "Hear my prayer, O Lord... for I am a
'pilgrim' with You..."*

The Blessed Misfit Part 1, Psalm 1:1-2

Psalm 1:1 **Blessed** is the man who **does not walk** in the **counsel** of the **wicked** or **stand** in the **way** of **sinners** or **sit** in the **seat** of **mockers**. 2 But his **delight** is in the **law** of the **LORD**, and on his law he **meditates** day and night. 3 He is like a **tree** **planted** by **streams** of water, which yields its **fruit** in season and whose **leaf** does not **wither**. Whatever he does **prosper**s. 4 **Not so the wicked!** They are like **chaff** that the **wind** **blows** **away**. 5 Therefore the **wicked** will **not stand** in the **judgment**, nor **sinners** in the **assembly** of the **righteous**. 6 **For the LORD** **watches** **over** **the way** of the **righteous**, but the **way** of the **wicked** will **perish**.

**The Blessed man (believer) is a misfit
in this world,
and a perfect fit for the next!**

Blessed— reminds us of Genesis 1:28 and man's state in the beginning.. blessed by God. Then came sin and the curse Genesis 3:17. Then came the promise of a Redeemer Genesis 3:15 and the return to blessedness for the believer. We see then, the *two kinds of men* in this world, the *blessed* man and the *curled* man, the righteous and the wicked, the tree and the chaff, the gathered and the scattered.

The Blessed Man's Discernment

The Blessed Man's Discernment: The blessed man is a discerning man. He recognizes wicked advice and avoids it. We have three sets of three in this first verse. Three descriptions of those under God's curse: Wicked, sinners, mockers. The wicked are opposed to God's counsel; sinners are opposed to God's commands; mockers are self exalted and opposed to God's authority. Then three descriptions of movement: walk, stand, sit. The blessed man discerns truth from error and doesn't get misdirected, stopped or stuck by the opposition of the ungodly. He is a misfit, and accepts his misfitism in this world of wickedness. Then three locations: a perspective, a path and a seat. These describe the seductive attractions of sin. We are attracted by the seductive appearance of wisdom which

is in reality folly, the easier path of sin, and the acceptance and approval of the cursed among whom we live. But the blessed man is a misfit in all three settings. He is opposed to ungodly counsel, life choices and companions who opposed the blessed God who has saved him. The blessed misfit is discerning. 2 Cor 10:3-5

The Blessed Man's Delight

The Blessed Man's Delight: The blessed man is a discerning man because he delights in God's word. The word "delight" is found in Ruth, Esther and Song of Solomon as a description of romantic attraction. The point here is that this attraction to God's word is continual and growing. The blessed man is not simply bound to the Word of God by duty, but by delight. A godly man in a healthy marriage does not need to be reminded of his duty and bondage by obligations of covenant to his wife. He delights in his wife and cannot be kept from her, for his love is deep and strong and growing. He loves the words of his wife because he loves his wife who reveals herself by her words. So the blessed man delights in the words of His God who blesses him continually. He goes over the words of His God again and again (mutterers them, concentrates on them, rehearses them, rejoices in them.) Therefore he is a discerning man, because he is constantly reviewing God's truth and therefore sees the difference between the truth of God and the wicked counsel of the cursed.

SELF CHECK:

1) Do I have a changed appetite?

DELIGHT: Pleasure, Desire, Longing Psalm 112:1 Psalm 119:34-37 (35)

Psalm 40:6,8 1 Sam 15:22 Psalm 37:23 Prov 3:15 Prov 8:11 Psalm 73:25

2) Do I have a changed authority?

LAW: Torah, God's character, name, purpose, commands Luke 11:27-28

3) Do I have a changed priority?

MEDITATE: Searches, chews, repeats, mutter over & over Joshua 1:8 Luke 10:42

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Search the New Testament for the words "bless, blessed, blessings" and "cursed". Jesus' sermon on the Mount is filled with illustrations of the difference between the blessed and the cursed. Compare Psalm 1:1-2 and Matthew 5-7 and mine the treasures for yourself.

O God, You have blessed me with every spiritual blessing in Christ! I am worthy only of your curse for my sin and rebellion. I once walked in the counsel of the wicked, I once stood in the path of sinners, and I once sat with mockers who blasphemed Your name. I was well fit for this world of sin and death, under Satan's control and Your well deserved curse. But You drew me out of my sin, washed me with Your blood, filled me with Your Spirit, and put Your name on me. Now I am a total misfit for this world, and by grace alone a perfect fit for the New Jerusalem. I gladly take up the task of calling others to join the blessed misfit's who know the delights of Your law and the joys of Your fellowship, the exultation of Your worship and the anticipation of Your soon return. O Blessed God, by blessed by Your blessed misfits, now and evermore. I pray in the Name of Him who said... "I am not of this world, even as you are not of this world", Christ Jesus my sovereign Lord, Amen."

Remember, you are very special to us and we pray for you.

Living with leaving in view.... Jn 9:4 Ron & Val

Seeing The Invisible, embracing The Unapproachable, declaring The Unexplainable,
changed by The Immutable,
running after The Irresistible with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows,
spending our time on eternity, owning nothing yet possessing everything that matters and
lasts.

We are Pilgrims in Paradox. Welcome to THE JOURNEY.

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