

Where Are You Seeking Happiness?

Psalm 1

Blessed are the poor in spirit. (Mt.5:3)

Blessed are those who mourn. (Mt.5:4)

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake (Mt.5:10).*

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*Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers; (v.1)*

B. You will find nothing of lasting value from the life of ungodly people (v.4).

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*The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives
away. (v.4)*

C. You will be condemned along with ungodly people on the day of judgment (vv.5, 6b).

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Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

*... but the way of the wicked will perish.
(vv.5, 6b)*

II. You will find true happiness only in the life God approves.

A. You will find the keys to true happiness taught in God's Word (vv.2-3).

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*but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
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He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers. (vv.2-3)*

law of the Lord

or

instruction of the Lord

“Switching to a positive description, the spiritually “happy” man is characterized by the consistent contemplation and internalization of God’s word for ethical direction and obedience.”

- John MacArthur

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The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.