



Israel's Greatest Hits

Psalm 1 - A Life God Chooses to Bless

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1 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; 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 that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. (ESV)

1. Plan _____ (v.1)

2. Purpose _____ (v.2)

3. Enjoy _____ (vv.3-6)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **John 15:18-21**. We often talk about "peer pressure" with students and teenagers, but what are some of the specific social costs that all "grow-up Christians" regularly face when they purpose to live for Christ in our fallen world?
2. Read **Matthew 7:13-14**. If you were talking to a brand-new Christian how would you describe some of the practical distinctions between the "easy" and "hard" roads referred to in this passage?
3. Read **Psalms 119:97-104**. How do you explain the "love" Christians have for spending time in God's word? How can you testify to a changed (and developing) appetite for the Bible? (cf. Heb.5:13-14.)
4. Read **Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**. In what way can you attest to the truths Solomon speaks of in this passage? How have you observed the vanity of life without God?
5. Read **1 Timothy 4:8**. Why is it so important that we don't just see the benefit of godliness as something realized in the next life? What are some of the oft-overlooked benefits of living for Christ in this life?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

April 15th

1Sam.17-18 & Lk.15:1-10

April 16th

1Sam.19-21 & Lk.15:11-32

April 17th

1Sam.22-24 & Lk.16:1-18

April 18th

1Sam.25-26 & Lk.16:19-31

April 19th

1Sam.27-29 & Lk.17:1-19

April 20th

1Sam.30-31 & Lk.17:20-37

April 21st

2Sam.1-3 & Lk.18:1-17

April 22nd

2Sam.4-6 & Lk.18:18-43

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

CD # 1102 – **Sold-Out Servants: A Radically Different Identity**

CD # 0720 – **Courage to Do the Right Thing**

CD # 0303 – **Why Being Holy is Such a Big Deal**

CD # 0421 – **Reaffirming God's Word as Our Ultimate Authority**

CD # 0658 – **God's Words: The Most Underappreciated Commodity**

CD # 9839 – **The Berean Balance: How to Be Discerning without Being Paranoid**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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