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God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.

Psalm 1.

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Topics.

- Blessed are those who delight in the law of the LORD, and on his law.
- A key to understanding the the Law of the LORD.
- The LORD knows the way of the righteous.

INTRODUCTION: Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they consist of five books covering the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

FOR INFORMATION: concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: "Map Locations and People of the Bible," and the title: "Bible Dictionary" on Website Menu.

Book One (Psalm 1-41)

Blessed are those who Delight in the Law of the LORD, and on his Law.

Psalm 1:1-5 ----- ¹Blessed 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; ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He 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. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

This Psalms is contrasting the righteous with the wicked, notice the LORD knows what each individual does, good or bad, no-one will escape being judged to eternal life or eternal death, each person (Christian or non-Christian) is responsible before God for their own actions. The wicked will not be accepted when they stand for judgment, but will perish, meaning they will be cast into the lake of fire, a symbol of eternal death (i.e., utter extinction). For further information concerning this see the title: Lake of Fire in, Death (ON WEBSITE MENU)

The righteous person is the individual who delights in the law of the LORD, this does not simply mean they read and memorize the Bible so that they become a walking Bible encyclopedia, it means they delight in meditating on it with the purpose of performing it.

- Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21).
- My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it. (Luke 8:21).
- Paul wrote: For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. (Rom. 2:13).
- James the brother of Jesus said: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing." (James 1:1-27).

A key to understanding the the Law of the LORD: Jesus said there is, no commandment greater than the following two commandments: -

- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30).
- You shall love your neighbour as yourself. (Mark 12:31).

These two commandments are not only the greatest commandments in the entire Bible but also the greatest commandments under sun, the moon, the stars and all the heavenly hosts. Before God and the Lord Jesus Christ there is no other commandment more important than these two commandments. After loving God with all our heart, mind and strength the thing that delights Him the most is when those who belong to Christ are obeying his command to, "love your neighbour as yourself," (Matt. 22:39).

To, "Love your neighbour as yourself," means do not deliberately do harm to other humans. No sane person deliberately does things to inflict pain on themselves, loving others as you love yourself is not about feeling some warm and fuzzy emotion towards others, it is about not hurting others as you would not hurt yourself.

James the brother of Jesus said: -

- If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing well. (James 2:8).

James calls Jesus command, "Love your neighbour as yourself," the royal law and says if we are keeping this one law we are doing well. The thing God hates the most is when we deliberately do harm to another person, physically, verbally, financially, sexually, emotionally or spiritually and the thing God loves the most is when we do-good to others. It is interesting to notice that the major crime that God points out in Noah's time and one of the main reasons for the flood was because of all the violence in the land.

- Micah wrote: "What the LORD requires of mankind is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:5-10).
- Isaiah says: "The LORD loves justice, hates robbery and wrong doing" (Isaiah 61:8).
- Jeremiah said: "Those who know God practise steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, because it is in these things that God delights" (Jer. 9:24).

The great prophets Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah clearly show the law is about doing-good to others and protecting them from harm and hurt. The spirit underpinning the Ten Commandments, is love because each law protects another human from harm.

Paul in his letter to the Romans wrote: -

- Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10).

Paul shines a brilliant spotlight on the truth that the spirit underpinning the law is love, because the spirit of the law is to protect the innocent from all types of harm and hurt, whoever keeps the law will do no wrong to a neighbour (neighbour embraces all mankind not just those in God's Kingdom). Those who belong to Christ aim to keep the law not to get saved, but because it honours God and brings a good testimony to the name of Jesus and the Christian faith and because it is the right and loving thing to do. The faithful in Christ's global Kingdom not only understand that righteousness that leads to eternal life is a free gift of God that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and cannot be earned by self-effort, but also know that from the love of God dwelling within their heart and displayed on the bloodstained cross of Calvary they are called to live a lifestyle that honours the King and Saviour they worship and follow and called to treat others with decency, respect and honest justice.

Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount: the constant theme throughout Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount is doing what is right before God by seeking the way of peace in all situations. Jesus calls Christians to treat people fairly and with respect, dignity, decency grace compassion, kindness, mercy and to be quick to forgive. This means living a life that honours God and the Lord Jesus Christ is about doing right to those in the church and those outside of it.

This is the reason the message Jesus spoke on the mountain is referred to as, "The Famous Sermon" because the principals if followed not only by Christians, but all humanity are the only way to peace (Matt 5). Based on the commandment, love your neighbour as yourself and the law it could be said that a wicked and evil person is one who deliberately and consciously denies the existence of God and deliberately does harm to other humans. For further information on Jesus Famous Sermon see: "Matthew 5" in, Commentary NT (ON WEBSITE MENU).

The LORD knows the Way of the Righteous.

Psalm 1:6 ----- ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Verse six states, "The LORD knows the way of the righteous." Being titled "a righteous person" does not mean that person never sins, if any of us could attain to living a perfect life free of sin Christ died for no reason. Jesus didn't die on the bloodstained cross of Calvary so that we could attain to the perfect standard the Law demands and to the perfect Holiness of God, but because we couldn't. A righteous man or woman is not a person without sin, but they are people: -

- Who believes in the invisible, immortal Almighty God the creator of all things and source of all life and in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Who aim to do all they can to live according to the royal law and Jesus command, "Love your neighbour as yourself."
- Who do what is right and show love, kindness, compassion and forgiveness toward others.
- Who know when they have done wrong and turn to the Lord in repentance and forgiveness.
- Who endeavour to do all they can to live a lifestyle that honours God and brings a good testimony to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Who hold honesty, justice and integrity as pillars to, live their life by.
- Who do-good to others and not harm.

NOTE: Paul's words, "All have sinned" (Rom. 3:23) does not mean that everyone is an evil wicked person at heart, certainly it means all are separated from God because of sin, but being unsaved does not always mean a person has an evil heart.

Christians do not own the rights to compassion, mercy and kindness there are multitudes of secular men and women in the world who sacrifice their leisure time and rally together to help others in need, especially when there is a major disaster in the community. Added to this many professional people give up their wealthy careers to go and help the poor and suffering in third world countries. Biblically an evil and wicked man or woman is one: -

- Who denies the existence of God the creator of all things.
- Who is aggressively against God and those in His Kingdom.
- Who has covetous and malicious thoughts toward those who belong to God and toward those outside of God's global Kingdom.
- Who deliberately inflicts harm onto others physically, financially, emotionally, verbally, mentally and spiritually.

Within all humans is a lower nature and a higher nature, the lower nature is called the flesh and is controlled by self this nature only considers one's own well-being while the higher nature is referred to as the spirit which is controlled by love, this nature considers others and shows compassion. There is a well know story of an Indian father telling his son that within us all is a wild wolf warring against a tame wolf. The young son asks his father, "Which wolf wins?" the wise father answers, "The one you feed the most."

For further information see the title: -

- Various, Aspects of Self, Spirit and Sin in Sin (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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