And He Shall Be Like A Tree

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ASPIRATION OF EVERY BOY: BE A REAL, REAL MAN!

ALL DO NOT AGREE: WHAT IT TAKES. REALLY TAKE???

WRONG VIEW: TOUGH. COARSE. CRUDE. ILL-MANNERS.

SMOKES, CHEWS, SPITS, DIPS, DRINKS, FIGHTS. BRUTE!

GOD DEFINED A REAL MAN. MORE THAN MOST CAN MANAGE.

PSALMS I IS: RIGHT VIEW!!!

INTRODUCTION OF ALL 150 PSALMS: PROLOGUE, PREFACE, PREFATORY PSALM, SHORT COMPENDIUM. TOTAL.

TWO BASIC MESSAGES OF THIS AND ALL PSALMS.

1. GOD HAS PREDESTINED HAPPINESS AND SALVATION FOR THE REAL, RIGHTEOUS MAN.

2. GOD HAS DETERMINED FRUSTRATION AND PERDITION FOR THE WICKED MAN.

VERSE ONE.

A. BLESSED: "HAPPY" NOT QUITE ENOUGH. HOW HAPPY!

BLESSINGS ARE ON THE MAN! OH, THE BLESSNESS OF THE MAN. HOW VERY HAPPY IS THE MAN! CONGRATULATIONS!

B. MAN: NOT GENERIC. DEFINITELY Masculine. Male!

CLARKE: "CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ONE MAN IN THOUSANDS, WHO LIVES TO ACCOMPLISH THE GREAT PURPOSES OF GOD FOR WHICH HE WAS CREATED."

C. AVOIDS: WALKS NOT! STANDS NOT! SITS NOT!


ILL. CHIEF OF POLICE OF WARR ACRES (OKLA. CI


D. SHUNS: COUNSEL. WAY. SEAT. THREE STATIONS.


advocates lying, cheating and extortion if suits his ends. Active.

*3. Seat of Scornful.

His rel. is doubt, skepticism, cynicism...
His faith is impiety, unbelief, rationalism.
His delight is to scoff & ridicule & debase God, religion, righteousness & hope.

5. Progressive nature of Sin is wisely depicted,
1. Walks AROUND ungodly: then walks in or away.

2. He who continually walks with poor-counselors will soon be standing with sinners. Then is conditioned & hardened to sin. Calloused.

3. He who stays around sin long enough will soon see no wrong in sitting with baser crowd.
   Ill. Pat Boone. Went all the way. Counsel???

P. Jesus and Paul and James and John, Stephen and John Baptist all MEN!!! Avoided all sin.

II. VERSE II. Delight: Meditations. LAW!

A. The Alternative to walking, standing and sitting in wrong places:
   1. Delight in the LAW (wisdom, truth, will) of the Lord. Attuned to God. Rule of life.
   2. Meditates day and night. Law governs all affections, Companion, Comforter, Guide. Reads, meditates, studies and teaches Truth.

III. VERSE III. "AND HE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE.

B. RIVERS: Irrigation. HEB. Fed by divisions of water...canals Deut. 11:10. Watering by foot: Kick sod opening up one channel, closing one.
D. LEAF: Not wither. Evergreen, ever-producing. Leaf is profession of fruit to come. Proof. Our leaf is our confession. Proof of sincerity. Tree which puts out leaves & no fruit-axed.

Conclusion: A man, like a tree planted by the canal for water shall produce both leaf and fruit at the appropriate time and "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper!" Does right & well.

IV. VERSES IV & V. DESCRIBES PLIGHT OF UNGODLY.

Ungodly C. Not Stand: "Shall not hold their heads up at the Judgment." Resurrected only to shame, divine contempt and eternal rejection.

Sinner D. Not stand: Separation. God will not allow the wicked the HONOR of being the presence of the good & just. Matt. 25:31-33.


V. VERSE VI. GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE RIGHTEOUS.
A. God established the way of the righteousness because He knows the needs of man.
B. God approves the righteous man & his ways.
C. God provides for the man in the righteous way.
D. God protects the godly man and his family. Prov. 16:7.
E. Godly men are ever under the observing eye of the Great Sovereign of the Universe; giving joy, comfort, hope and happiness. IP. 3:12.

INV. PSALMS I TELLS ME 5 THINGS ABOUT MAN.
1. Exercises right of free-moral agency.
2. Can go WRONG all days of his life. Able.
3. Can go RIGHT all his life. Able.
4. The SINNER will never know the joys and happiness of the righteous. Rom. 3:23, 6:23.

YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE A DECISION IN A MOMENT:
Go with the righteous. Win all.
Go with the ungodly. Lose all.