

Why We Need The Bible Pt. 5 “The Christian & The Bible”

Introduction- Psalm 1 is the happy Psalm. *Blessed* in Hebrew is in the plural, “*oh blessedness of the man.*”

What makes for a blessed life? Two things. We must be:

1. Separated from the world (vs. 1).

- a. Walk not in the counsel of the ungodly.
- b. Stand in the way of sinners.
- c. Sit in the seat of the scornful or mocker.

2. Saturated with the Word (vs. 2).

The way to a blessed life starts with delighting in God’s Word; *called here the law of the Lord.*

Meditating on it day and night. Ps. 119:97, “Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.”

Do you delight in God’s Word? What does it mean to delight?

“Whatever delights us, directs us.”

Do you meditate on it daily?

What does it mean to meditate?

Note the blessings God’s Word bring into your life (vs. 3):

1. Fruitfulness (Gal. 5)
2. Prosperity

Illus.: Josh. 1:8, “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

What other blessings does the Word of God bring? See Psalm 19:7-11.

1. It converts the soul (vs. 7).

The soul is the total person. So the Bible can transform the total person.

How? The Holy Spirit uses it to bring conviction of sin. Illus.: Acts 2:37
The Bible is like a seed that brings new life. I Peter 1:23, “have been born again, not of...”

The Bible has the power to produce faith. Rom. 10:17.

2. It makes wise the simple (vs. 7).

The simple in the Hebrew described a person with a simple mind. The root idea is that of an open door. Everything comes in and everything goes out. A person that is indiscriminate; totally naive; that has no standards by which to make judgments.

So the Bible can make a simple person wise or discerning in every aspect of life.

3. It can make the heart rejoice (vs. 8).

Ps. 1- Blessed, happy.

Ps. 119:111- Thy testimonies are the rejoicing of my heart.

Ps. 119:162- I rejoice at thy word, as on that findeth great spoil.

4. It enlightens the eyes (vs. 8b).

R.A. Torrey, *“The man who studies the Bible and neglects all other books, will be wiser than the man who studies all other books and neglects the Bible.”*

“The entrance of thy words giveth light,” Ps. 119:130.

5. It brings great reward (vs. 11). Like what you ask?

1. It keeps us from sin. *“Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word; Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee,”* Ps. 119:9,11.

Illus.: John Bunyun had written on the inside of his Bible, *“This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book.”*

2. It helps us stand against Satan.

Eph. 6:17, *“The sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.”*

Illus.: Jesus tempted by Satan!

3. It strengthens us in weakness.

I John 2:14, *“I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong and the Word of God abideth in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.”*

4. It brings assurance of salvation.

I John 5:13, *“These things have I written...”*

5. It equips us for service.

II. Tim. 3:17, *“That the man of God may be perfect throughly furnished unto all good works.”*

6. It will sanctify us.

John 17:17, *“Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.”*

To get the blessed benefits we must:

1. Read the Bible!

A. You need the book! You need a nook! You need a look!

B. Read daily.

“Give us this day our daily bread...”

C. Set a time.

D. Read the Bible reverently, expectantly and dependently.

E. Read the Bible devotionally.

F. Read the Bible meditatively.

Ask yourself:

- Is there any sin to confess or forsake?
- Any sin to avoid?
- Promise to claim?
- Truth to learn?

G. Read the Bible repeatedly.

H. Read the Bible selectively.

I. Read the Bible prayerfully.

2. Study the Bible.

J. Read the Bible thoughtfully. II Tim. 2:15.

K. Read the Bible obediently. James 1:22-25.