

Blessed Prosperity



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Through the Psalms
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> Blessed is the man who does not walk in the
> counsel of the wicked
> or stand in the way of sinners
> or sit in the seat of mockers.
> But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
> and on His law he meditates day and night.
> He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
> which yields its fruit in season
> and whose leaf does not wither.
> Whatever he does prospers.
> (Psalm 1:1–3)

"Blessed"; the opening word of the Psalms contains the essence of all that is to follow. The blessings they unfold flow in two directions: from God to man, and from man back again to God.

David goes on to sum up the blessedness promised to man in one brief, expressive sentence: "Whatever he does prospers." How can you be such a person – blessed of God so that whatever you do prospers? David lays down five conditions, the first three negative, the last two positive.

First, the negative: you must *not* walk in the counsel of the wicked; you must *not* stand in the way of sinners; you must *not* sit in the seat of mockers. There is one decisive issue: from where do you get your counsel? The counsel you follow determines the course of your life. If your counsel comes from the people who reject God's principles and flout His requirements, you can have no claim upon His blessing.

Next, the positive: you must delight in the law of the LORD and you must meditate on it day and night. The ultimate source of all wise and righteous counsel is the law of the LORD. If you fill your heart and mind continually with His law, and if you direct your life according to it, then blessing and prosperity are your God-appointed portion.

Perhaps you are weary of frustration and failure. Then take heed to these rules. Meditate on them. Apply them. They will work in your life. God Himself guarantees you success.

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