

1—The Law of the Lord

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INTRO:

I. BEATITUDES

- A. Latin (*beātus*) happy, wealthy
- B. Latine (*beati*) the happy & wealthy ones
- C. Latin (*beatitudo*) the blessednesses (Cicero)

II. Hebrew Interjections:

Heb (hineh) behold

Heb (ah) despair

Heb (oy) alas, woe, oh-no

Heb (ashrey) "Oh how happy"

III. The OT contains forty-five beatitudes, twenty-six of which appear in the Psalms

IV. → Psalms 1:1-6

Blessed is the one

*who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,*

***→ 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.***

*3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*

*and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.*

→ 4 Not so the wicked!

*They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.*

*5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*

*6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.*

BODY:

I. The Council of the Godly

walketh not in the **counsel** of the ungodly
But his delight is in the **law of the Lord**;
and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night.

A. The voices we listen to will shape the course of our lives.

1) **Proverbs 15:21-22**

*Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment,
But a man of understanding walks uprightly.
Without counsel, plans go awry,
But in the multitude of counselors they are established.
(NKJV)*

2) VLADIMIR PUTIN INTIMIDATING HIS ADVISORS

B. The loudest voice in our ears must always be the Lord's.

1) **Luke 11:28**

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

2) **John 13:17**

"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

3) DAD TELLING ME TO LET THE SMOKE CLEAR

II. The Way of the Fruitful

or standeth in the **way** of sinners
And he shall be like a **tree** planted by the **rivers** of water,
that bringeth forth his **fruit** in his season;

A. God is not looking for perfection, just fruitfulness.

1) **Psalms 37:23-24**

*The steps of a **good man** are ordered by the Lord,
And He delights in his way.
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For the Lord upholds him with His hand. (NKJV)*

2) ASKING THE LORD TO SEND ME TO A LAKE

B. Fruitfulness comes from growing deep roots.

1) **Matthew 12:33**

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit."

2) WATCHING THE BLOSSOMS COME BACK TO THE TREES

III. The Seat of the Prosperous

*nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful
whatsoever he doeth shall prosper
Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.*

A. No one has ever been blessed by resenting the past.

1) **Luke 9:62**

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

2) Heb (*yatslach*) push forward, break out

3) DECIDING TO DO A KID'S CAMP AGAIN

B. Prosperity is not in what we have, but what we give.

1) JOHN WESLEY

Earn all you can; Save all you can; Give all you can.
Early Wesley earned 40 pounds and lived on 35
Later he made 200 and lived off of 35

2) **Hebrews 13:5**

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,
"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."*

3) FORREST GUMP MOWING THE LAWN

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God? (NKJV)

John 10:27-28

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

James 1:25

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

2 Timothy 2:23-24

Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.