

Are You In The Congregation?

(Psalm 1)

Introduction:

1. Psalm 1 sets the pace for the rest of the Psalms.
2. This Psalm makes a great distinction between the righteous and the wicked.

I. The Congregation of the Righteousness

- A. Those who do not walk, stand or sit in the way of the ungodly are happy.
 1. (Psalms 119:1)
- B. Their delight is in the law of the Lord (verse 2)
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- C. They meditate, (think, contemplate, reflect) day and night.
 1. (Philippians 4:8)
 2. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
- D. The person who is practicing godliness will be like the tree which bears fruit (Matthew 7:17-20).
 1. Christians will bear fruit for God (Romans 7:4)
 2. Christ is the vine and we are the branches bearing fruit (John 15:5).
- E. (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

II. The Way of the Ungodly

- A. The ungodly simply do not have the same characteristics of the righteousness (Galatians 5:16-26).
- B. The ungodly are like chaff (Chaff is carried away by the smallest wind).
 1. (Matthew 3:12)
- C. The ungodly will not have their place with the righteousness. (The two cannot live together).
 1. Sin is the separator (Isaiah 59:2).

III. The Results

- A. There is a choice that is made in this Psalm: *"Will one be righteous or ungodly?"*
 1. The Lord knows the righteous (2 Timothy 2:19; 1 John 2:28-29).
 2. The ungodly will not live.
 - a. Without God we do not live (Acts 17:28).
- B. (Matthew 25:32-46)
 1. The righteous will enter eternal life.
 2. The ungodly will suffer eternal punishment.

Conclusion:

1. It was said by the man long ago, "You are either a saint or ya ain't!"
2. Where do you fit in?
3. Will you be told to enter in to the kingdom or depart from the kingdom?

4. The choice is you're my friend, what will you do?