

Psalm 1: Fruits of God's Blessing

Read Psalm 1:3-6

Make God's word your delight, not your duty. Psalm 1:3-6 draws a beautiful picture of God's blessings on those who feed their minds and hearts on His word.

- God's blessing is stability. You will be like a tree firmly planted. You will be immovable, not because of your own strength, but because your roots are imbedded in what cannot move.

The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree,

He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Planted in the house of the Lord...

They will still yield fruit in old age;

They shall be full of sap and very green. (Psalm 92:12-14, NASB)

- God's blessing is sufficiency. You will never run dry, for you will be planted by an eternal source of life-giving water.

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" (John 7:38, NASB)

- God's blessing is fruitfulness. Your life will bear fruit that feeds others and honors God. Notice that this blessing will involve growth. Your fruit will grow naturally and gradually, in its proper season.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23, NASB)

- God's blessing is Himself. You will be constantly and forever wrapped in His knowing, His caring, His guarding, and His prospering.

Thus says the Lord, your Creator...He who formed you..."Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!...You are precious in My sight...you are honored and I love you."

(Isaiah 43:1, 4, NASB)

God Himself is the only source of all life and all that is good. Without Him, the inevitable result is life that is dry, rootless, meaningless, and quickly passing. But Sovereign God has decreed the well-being of those who trust and obey Him. His life and His love do not fluctuate with money or external situations.

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