

BLESSED

Text: Psalm 1:1-2.

I. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE SINS ARE FORGIVEN. PSALM ____:1-2.

- A. Do you realize the consequences of your iniquities?
1. They cause you to be separated from God. *Isaiah* ____:1-2.
 2. They cause you to be deserving of eternal separation from God. *Romans* ____:23.
 3. Unforgiven sin causes you to be an _____ of God. *Matthew* ____:30.
 4. Hebrews 10: ____ - ____.
- B. Indeed, it ought to bring us great joy to know that our sins are forgiven and covered.
1. Forgiveness is described as our sins being _____.
 - a) In Old Testament times, when a debt was owed, it was _____ into the face of a stone.
 - b) When the debt was paid in full, the engraving was filled in with wax.
 - c) Sin is a debt that we owe.
 - d) It is covered by the blood of Jesus.
 2. *Isaiah 1*: _____.
 - a) Here, sin is shown as a _____ that is removed.
 - b) Hence, that stone of debt is not only filled in, it is scrubbed clean as if there never was a debt owed.
 3. *Isaiah 38*: _____.
 - a) Sin is cast behind the back of God.
 - b) He throws that rock behind his back!
 4. *Isaiah* ____:21-22.
 - a) Sins are blotted out like a thick cloud.
 - b) A thick cloud arises between God and stone which He threw behind His back.
 5. *Micah 7*: ____ - _____.
 - a) God casts our sins into the depths of the sea.
 - b) He throws that rock into the deepest part of the ocean; never to be seen again.

II. HOW DO WE ATTAIN THIS FORGIVENESS?? BLESSED ARE THE UNDEFILED IN THE WAY.

- A. *Psalm* ____:1-2.
1. Those who are undefiled are blessed. The passage goes on to tell us how to be undefiled.
 2. The undefiled are those who _____ in the law of the Lord.
 3. The undefiled are those who _____ God's testimonies.
 4. The undefiled are the ones who seek God with their whole _____.
 5. We attain forgiveness by seeking God with our WHOLE heart.
 - a) With an _____ mind.
 - b) With a _____ mind. (Ready to obey.)
 - c) With a _____. *Matthew* ____:6.
 6. Once we seek Him, we must be willing to walk in His Law and keep His testimonies.
- B. We must allow ourselves to be instructed by God. *Psalm* ____:12.
1. Let's emphasize here that it is _____ instruction that will lead to our salvation and ultimate happiness.
 2. *1 Thessalonians 2*: ____.
 3. There are only two possible sources of spiritual authority. *Matthew* ____:23-25.
 4. Man's doctrine will not profit us.

III. TAKING _____ IN GOD'S LAW BRINGS HAPPINESS!

- A. *Psalm* ____:1-2.
1. Do you delight in the Law of God?
 2. We delight in...
 - a) Watching sports...
 - b) Reading good books...
 - c) Gardening...
 - d) Exercising...
 - e) Reading the Bible???
- B. *Psalm* ____:1.
1. Do you _____ delight in God's law?
 2. Whether or not you delight in God's law depends largely on how you _____ it.
 - a) Do you simply view it as a rule book?
 - b) A better way to view the Bible:
 - (1) A book in which I can see the very _____ of my Creator.
 - (2) A book that reveals my Creator's great _____ for me.
 - (3) A book in which I can learn how to better _____ my Creator and live in a right relationship with Him. Thus giving me great peace / happiness.
 - (4) A book that teaches me how to be a better:
 - (a) Neighbor.
 - (b) Friend.
 - (c) Spouse.
 - (d) Parent.
 - (e) Brother / Sister.
 - (5) A book that gives me _____.
 - (6) Viewing the Bible in these ways will help me to DELIGHT in it.