

12/16 pm PSALM 1 Happy & prosperous new year

NEGATIVELY
note
Progression

How happy is the man who

I. The happy man (vv. 1-3).
II. The ungodly man (note: not unhappy, but ungodly (vv. 4, 5).
III. Conclusion (v. 6).
also in vv. 4, 6

What is the way to happiness?

Walketh not - in the counsel of the ungodly

THREE TRILOGIES

standeth in the way of sinners

way of living like missing the mark.

sitteth - in the seat of the scornful

a session, or assembly of persons sitting together.

his delight is in the law of the Lord

cf. Psa. 16:3 implies obedience

in his law doth he meditate day & night

to remember contemplate Psa. 63:6; 77:12
read by syllables
to speak to oneself in a low murmuring voice

But
V. 2
POSITIVELY

that which pleases someone, or that which he desires.

He seems incapable of receiving instruction & hates anyone who corrects him.
(cf. Prov. 9:7, 8; 13:1; 14:6; 15:12, 19 -)
Bernard, p. 517

And
V. 3
RESULTS

he shall be like a tree

- 1) planted by the rivers of water (WORD)
Not wild, but planted - CHOSEN - NURTURED
- 2) that bringeth forth his fruit in his season FRUIT
- 3) his leaf also shall not wither - HEALTH
- 4) whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psa. 128:6 - "They shall prosper that love thee"

Contrasted in v. 4 with chaff driven by the wind.

Spiritually for a child of God success is the accomplishment of one's goal.

Psalm 1 (concluded)

II. The ungodly man (v. 4, 5).

"Chaff" - what a contrast with the tree in v. 3!

V. 4 parallels - walking in the counsel of the ungodly

V. 5a parallels - standing in the way of sinners

V. 5b " " - the seat (assembly, session) of the scornful.

III. The summary (v. 6).

now "righteous" as contrasted with "ungodly"...

"The Lord knoweth" - acquainted, in control, working
Job. 23:10 Psa. 37:18 His own purpose

"Way" - Same word as in v. 1 - way of living, WALK

The way of the ungodly - "perishes, because left to itself... loses itself without reaching ~~the~~ goal set before it, in darkest night" (Delitzsch, I, 88). Cf. Prov. 14:12, "There is a way..."

Concl: The Psalmist is not telling us how to become righteous but how to live righteously - not patterning our walk after the ungodly. Thus, for believers.
For those who do not know "the way", cf. Jn. 14:6.