Portrait of A Godly Man  
(A Challenge To All Men of God) 

PSALM 1:1-6  

Read Scripture Text: Psalm 1:1-6  

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INTRODUCTION  

The BIBLE tells us that “God is not a respecter of persons” (Acts 10:34 KJV) But the Bible makes it very clear that GOD IS A RESPECTER OF CHARACTER.  

Here are just some of the GODLY MEN God honored in His word:  

“Enoch walked with God.” (Genesis 5:24)  

“Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.” (Genesis 6:8)  

“Abraham was the friend of God.” (James 2:23)  

“David was a man after God’s own heart.” (Acts 13:22)  

Job was a “blameless and upright man who feared God and shunned evil.” (Job 1:1)  

Jesus said of John the Baptist……”Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater.” (Matthew 11:11)  

And of Jesus, Himself, God said, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:11)  

God honors the man who honors Him!
WHERE ARE THESE KINDS OF MEN TODAY?

Where are the MEN WHO WALK WITH GOD..........the MEN WHO ARE A FRIEND OF GOD.......THE MEN WHO FIND FAVOR IN THE EYES OF GOD.......and THE MEN AFTER THE HEART OF GOD today?

Now more than ever before in the history of this world, we need MEN WHO ARE NOT ASHAMED OF GOD to rise up and take a stand!

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But just what is a godly man? What does a godly man look like?

We find our answer here in the very first Psalm.

Briefly this morning, let’s consider:

I. THE PATH THE GODLY MAN AVOIDS
II. THE PATH THE GODLY MAN TAKES

First of all, let’s look at ........

I. The Path The Godly Man Avoids   v.1

1. In VERSE 1 the Psalmist reveals three paths the godly man avoids.

   (A) First of all, THE GODLY MAN “does not WALK in the counsel of the wicked.”

   The term “wicked” in this verse simply means, “one who has no place for God in his life.”
Now that doesn’t mean the man is blatantly evil or grossly sinful. In fact he may be a very nice, respectable, upstanding man in the community.

But none-the-less, A GODLY MAN does not seek advice or counsel from an UNGODLY MAN who has no place for God in his life.

An ungodly man will never counsel you to “pray about a decision.” An ungodly man will never point out a verse of scripture that might help you with your situation. You see, an ungodly man can only counsel you from his experience, his worldly wisdom and his worldly point of view.

A GODLY MAN DOES NOT WALK IN THE COUNSEL OF THE WICKED.

(B) Secondly, THE GODLY MAN “does not STAND in the way of sinners.”

Sinful men have certain “paths” where they stand. They have certain places where they congregate together.

-Sinful men often STAND around drinking beer in a bar. A GODLY MAN has no business standing around in a place like that.

-Sinful men often STAND around telling dirty jokes. A GODLY MAN has no business standing in a crowd like that.
-Sinful men often STAND around bashing their wives and engaging in lewd discussions about members of the opposite sex. A GODLY MAN has no business standing around in a crowd like that.

Guys, have you ever noticed when you come upon a dead animal on the road, you will always find a bunch of buzzards standing around that disgusting, rotting carcass? You will never see an EAGLE standing around with all those buzzards.

Guys, as men of God, we are to be EAGLES. God intends for us to “soar” above the rest. That means we can’t be standing around with the “buzzards.”

A GODLY MAN DOES NOT WALK IN THE COUNSEL OF THE WICKED.

A GODLY MAN DOES NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF SINNERS.

(C) And thirdly, A GODLY MAN “does not SIT in the seat of mockers.”

illustration----Years ago when I first started working at National Spinning Company in Washington, I was the grounds keeper. One day my supervisor asked me if I could come in at 5:00 o’clock the next morning and get the grounds all spruced up, because the company president was coming for a visit.

The next morning I arrived bright and early. And as I was getting my equipment out of the storage closet, I couldn’t help but overhear a conversation between three men on the other side of the wall. Ironically they were discussing God and Christianity. I could not believe the mockery I heard coming out of those men’s mouths as they expressed their disbelief in God and their total disdain for Christians.
You know it’s one thing for a man not to believe in GOD, but for a man to blatantly mock God and everything that is HOLY is about as low as a man can get!

When the Psalmist warns us not to “sit in the seat of mockers” he is telling us “don’t ever get comfortable with a God-mocking, Christian-bashing crowd.

Men if you ever find yourself in a crowd of men who are mocking your God, mocking your Christ, or mocking your fellow Christians, either STAND UP AND DEFEND CHRIST or STAND UP AND WALK OUT THE DOOR.

Men of God, let us not WALK in the counsel of the wicked……..let us not STAND in the way of sinners……..and let us not SIT in the seat of mockers. This is the path the godly man avoids!

Now let’s consider…….....THE PATH A GODLY MAN TAKES.

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II. The Path the Godly Man Takes vs. 2

vs. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on HIS law he meditates day and night.

(A) First of all, I would have you to notice, The Godly Man DELIGHTS in the WORD of GOD.

What does it mean to “delight” in the law of the Lord?

-It means the godly man doesn’t look at the Bible as a book of “fairy tales, fables or myths” but as the very source of ABSOLUTE, ETERNAL TRUTH.

-It means the godly man doesn’t see the BIBLE as a bunch of rigid restrictions and commands to burden him and bind him, but rather he sees the Bible as “the words of life” to set him free.

ILLUSTRATION

An unknown writer said, “This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding; its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. Follow its precepts and it will lead you to Calvary, to the empty tomb, to a resurrected life in Christ; yes, to glory itself, for all eternity.

The godly man DELIGHTS in the Word of God!
(B) But also notice, THE GODLY MAN **MEDITATES** on the **WORD** of **GOD** vs. 2b

In eastern religions they practice what is known as Transcindental Meditation. In Transcindental Meditation one “empties” his mind completely. He or she tries to get rid of all negative or destructive thoughts.

That is not what the Psalmist means when he says the godly man *meditates on the word of God.*

Rather than “emptying” the mind, the godly man **FILLS** his mind with **GOD’S WORD.**

Every day the GODLY MAN fills his mind with………

*The PROMISES of God’s word.  
*And the PRECEPTS of God’s word.  
*And the PRINCIPLES of God’s word.  
*And the COMMANDS of God’s word.  
*And the TRUTHS of God’s word.  
*And the TEACHINGS of God’s word.

That word “meditate” has a very interesting meaning. It has the same basic meaning as “chewing the cud.”

Have you ever watched a cow chewing the cud? When the cow chews the cud, he chews slowly in order to get every bit of the sweetness and nutrition out of the grass or hay.

Men of God, you and I ought to “chew on the word of God” each day. We ought to shew slowly to get all of the sweetness and all of the life-giving spiritual nutrition from God’s word.
Now this brings us to an important question. Does it truly pay to live for GOD? Is there anything to be gained by living a godly life as opposed to living an ungodly life? Absolutely! And the Psalmist spells this out for us very clearly in verses 3-6

First, notice the **BLESSINGS** of a GODLY MAN

1. **A Godly Man is blessed with STABILITY**
   
   *vs. 3*  *He is like a tree planted by streams of water.*
   
   A tree planted by a stream of water has roots that run deeply into the ground giving it stability to survive strong winds and intense storms and blistering summer heat.

   That is the kind of stability GOD promises to the GODLY MAN whose life is deeply rooted in the word of GOD. When the winds and storms and intense heat of life’s trials and troubles come upon a godly man, he will still be standing.

2. **A Godly Man is blessed with FRUITFULNESS**
   
   *vs. 3*  *He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.*
   
   When a man entrusts his life into the hands of GOD, God produces more out of that man’s life than the man could ever produce on his own.

   GOD multiplies the fruitfulness of a godly man.
A Godly Man is blessed with **PROSPERITY**

The last part of **VERSE 3** says, “Whatever he does prospers.”

Whenever we think of prosperity we tend to think only in terms of money and material things. But what the Psalmist is talking about here is SPIRITUAL PROSPERITY.

God brings a prosperity and richness into the life of a GODLY MAN that far outweighs the value of money or material things. And that properity is “laid up as treasures in heaven” that will bring eternal rewards.

A Godly Man is blessed with **GOD’S PROTECTION**

**vs. 6** For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous.

Men, what GOD is promising us is this: No matter what we go through........No matter what happens to us.......No matter how tough life gets........HE WILL WATCH OVER US and PROTECT US.

But now notice the CURSES of an UNGODLY MAN in **VERSES 4-6**

1. **The Ungodly Man** has no **PROMISE** of **STABILITY** in this life.

   **vs. 4** Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

A man who doesn’t build his life on GOD builds his life on things that do not last. Just like the FOOLISH MAN in Jesus’ Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders, the man who doesn’t include GOD in his life discovers his money and material things are of no value when the STORMS OF LIFE come. Those things are as worthless as building a HOUSE ON FOUNDATION OF SAND.
(2) The Ungodly Man also has no PROMISE of a SALVATION in the life to come.

vs. 5  Therefore the wicked will NOT stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

vs. 6b  The way of the wicked will perish.

THE UNGODLY MAN has no future. When this life is over THE UNGODLY man will stand before God without excuse or defense.

*The ungodly man will hear the LORD say, “Depart from me you evil doer for I never knew you.”

*The ungodly man will be cast into hell where he will be relentlessly tormented day and night forever and ever.

I ask you again, “Does it really pay to live for God?” In light of what this scripture teaches us, you tell me!

CONCLUSION

Men, on this Father’s Day, I want to leave you with this challenging thought this morning. Its called….. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNASHAMED.

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The Fellowship of The Unashamed

I am part of the “FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNASHAMED.”

The die has been cast......I have stepped over the line.....the decision has been made.  I am a DISCIPLE of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

I won’t LOOK BACK......LET UP......SLOW DOWN.....BACK AWAY or BE STILL.

My PAST is redeemed, my PRESENT makes sense, and my FUTURE is secure.

I am finished with LOW LIVING, SIGHT WALKING, SMALL PLANNING, SMOOTH KNEES, COLORLESS DREAMS, CHINTZY GIVING and DWARFED GOALS.

I no longer need PRE-EMINENCE, PROSPERITY, POSITION, PROMOTIONS, PLAUDITS or POPULARITY.  I now live BY FAITH.......LOVE by patience......LIFT by prayer......and LABOR by power.

My PACE is set, my GAIT is fast, my GOAL is heaven, my ROAD is narrow, my WAY is rough, my COMPANIONS are few, my GUIDE is reliable, my MISSION is clear.

I cannot be BOUGHT, COMPROMISED, DETERRED, LURED AWAY, TURNED BACK, DILUTED or DELAYED.

I will not FLINCH in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I am a DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST.  I must GO ON until HE RETURNS, GIVE until I drop, and WORK until He comes.

And when JESUS COMES TO GET HIS OWN, He will have no problem recognizing me for I WILL BE PART OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNASHAMED........I WILL BE COUNTED AS A MAN OF GOD!!!