

PSALM ONE

TITLE: Digging down to the Roots

TEXT: Psalm 1:1-3

THEME: Successful Christian Living

SPEAKERS PURPOSE: I am going to instruct my audience to successfully live the Christian life.

PROPOSITION: Every child of God can live a successful Christian life.

INTERROGATIVE: How can a believer successfully live the Christian life?

TRANSITION: The believer can live the successful Christian life by applying these principles to his life.

I. He must be Separated from the World...”that walketh not.” (vs. 1)

A. He does not accept the advice of the world..walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. (vs.1)

Explanation: His mental processes are not guided by worldly principle but by the Word of God.

Argument

1. Counsel – advice, thinking process.
A reflection on his thinking
2. Walk – to order one’s life by

B. He does not associate with the actions of the world...”standeth not in the way of sinners.” (vs. 1)

Explanation: He does not live the lifestyle or practice the habits of the world.

Argument

1. Way – lifestyle; manner of life; practices.
A reflection of his behavior.
2. Stand – to allow oneself to be drawn into; to participate in/ to be in the presence of

C. He does not adopt the attitudes of the world...”nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. (vs. 1)

Explanation: He does not establish himself in the doctrine of the world.

Argument

1. Seat of the scornful – The philosophy of those who have consciously rejected God.
A reflection on his belonging.
2. Sit – To establish residence; to take up lodging; to wholeheartedly accept and promote the doctrine of

II. He is saturated in the Word of God...”but his delight is in the law of the LORD.” (vs. 2)

A. He loves the Word of God. “His delight is in...” (vs. 2)

Explanation: He has an intense desire to live for God’s law.

Argument

1. Delight – to take supreme satisfaction; to take joy; to fulfill one’s desires by

2. Law – God’s complete message to man
3. His desires are fulfilled by this Word and his needs are met.

B. He lives the Word of God...”and in this law doth he meditate day and night” (vs. 2)

Explanation: He intensely desires to learn and apply the Word of God to his life.

Argument

1. Meditate – To ponder; to dissect; to examine with the intent of understanding and applying.
2. Time of Meditation – Night and day; A continual process of examination implying application.
3. Result of Meditation – Stability and success in life

III. He must be situated in the Work of God. . .”and he shall be like a tree.” (vs. 3)

A. He is a planted Christian. “like a tree planted.” (vs. 3)

Explanation: He has been carefully chosen and firmly established by God.

Argument

1. A Planter is implied by the word “plant.”
2. The tree is located where it could receive nutrition.
3. Plant – to carefully place; to be firmly established (planted)

B. He is a productive Christian...”that bringeth forth his fruit in his season.” (vs. 3)

Explanation: He fulfills his purpose – to bring forth fruit; to do good works

Argument

1. He produces in his proper season.
2. He brings forth his fruit to maturity.

C. He is perpetual Christian...”his leaf also shall not wither.” (vs. 3)

Explanation: His life is a consistent example of Christ-likeness.

Argument

1. He will never wither in his fruitfulness.
2. He receives nutrition from an unfailing source; the Word of God. It is God’s responsibility to care for the tree.

D. He is a prosperous Christian...”and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” (vs. 3)

Explanation: His life will not be lived in vain.

Argument

1. The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous (vs. 6)
Knoweth – to take a deep interest in; to watch the life of
2. Prosper – To accomplish a purpose; to abundantly succeed; not to have labored in vain.