



All to happiness aspire...

...these words, from a hymn we sing at the Chapel, are obviously correct. We all want to be happy! Some people are.

Object of my first desire,
Jesus crucified for me;
All to happiness aspire,
Only to be found in Thee...

Let's look very briefly at the first Psalm where God describes the happiness of a deeply satisfied person.

Blessed (truly happy) **is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,**

- God's first commandment is that we are to love Him with all our hearts. The ungodly do not live in this way - their advice about how to live is not to be followed!

or stands in the path of sinners,

- Sinful people do what they want - they are not concerned to please God.

nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

- The Bible's teaching is never despised.

but his delight is in the law of the Lord (the Bible), and in His law he meditates day and night.

- The Bible is loved and enjoyed by the *blessed person*. It governs their life. Its teaching on everything, including such topics as creation or moral issues is the final authority.

What is the outcome of such a life? How does such a person cope with life's difficulties?

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

- Life's problems do not affect this person's essential happiness because the source of their deep satisfaction is in God, not circumstances or anything else.

What does God say about the ungodly? (This term describes how each of us were or still are.)

The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

- There is a lightness about their lives - no real substance. As different as wheat and chaff.

Does it really matter which group, the godly or the ungodly, I belong to? It could not be of greater importance - it has eternal significance. Judgment and a final separation between the two groups is coming. The Psalm finishes in this way:

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows (loves) the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

- There is no reason for anyone to remain ungodly. Jesus invites *all who are weary and burdened* to come to Him for rest. And God promises:

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Please come to a service! We'd love to welcome you!

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(Children 3 years and over)

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Anniversary Services

Chapel's 235th & Pastor's 18th Anniversary Services

Saturday 15th June, 2019 @ 3pm & 6pm

Guest Speaker - Pastor John Cowley

All are welcome

Tea provided between the services