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## Psalms – Delighting in His Word – Lesson 2

### Introduction to the Psalms

- ❖ Who is blessed?
  - What it does not look like
    - A progression of deception
    - Definition of worldliness

“... making sin look normal and righteousness seem strange. ...” –David F. Wells

- What it does look like
  - Delight
  - Meditation

**Psalm 1:1-6** – *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. <sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; <sup>6</sup>for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

### **BUT, ...**

- ❖ Blessed is the man who's ... & ...
  - Delight is in the law of the Lord
    - Living life in the counsel of God's Word
    - Attracted to the beauty of God's order
    - Emotional stability and expressiveness

- On His law he meditates day and night - **Ps 19:14**
  - Learn God's thoughts
  - Apply God's thoughts
  - Dwell on God's thoughts
  - Radiate God's thoughts

## Results:

- ❖ Like a tree
  - Planted by streams of water
  - Yielding its fruit in its season
  - Its leaf does not wither
  - In all he does, he prospers
  
- ❖ Like chaff
  - The wind drives them away
  - They will not stand in the judgement
  - They will not be in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of all people

## The rest of the Book of Psalms

- ❖ A Broad Overview of the Psalms
  - 150 chapters
  - 2 chapters of introduction
  - 5 chapters of conclusion
  - 5 divisions called books
    - Doxology conclusions
  - 3 main categories
    - Hymns/Praise - heart's rejoicing of God's character
      - Ps 29
    - Laments - heart cry due to life's circumstance
      - Ps 3
    - Thanksgiving - heart rejoicing at God's actions
      - Ps 30