

Loving the Law Psalm 1

-v. 1-

Blessed - The core idea of the Hebrew word *'esher* is going straight; that is, the blessed person's life is guided so as to avoid obstacles¹. He is sure-footed and has his bearings. It implies unhindered accomplishment; proceeding steadily and confidently without having to turn aside due to distraction, disturbance, or stumbling. As a result, it also includes gladness and peace. The traditional Hebrew concept of blessedness also includes beholding beauty, and specifically the unsurpassable beauty of the face of God. To see God's face and not be ashamed is the ultimate blessedness. The blessed man is proceeding confidently toward that goal, and nothing keeps him from it.

Happiness implies that joy comes from _____ .

Blessedness implies that joy is given by _____ .

Why is this person so _____?

What does he find so _____?

Through what has he received _____?

The blessed person avoids

	Practices	Venues	Companions
1.			
2.			
3.			

1: Becoming _____ with _____ that comes from the mindset of those who _____.

2: Tacitly _____ by taking pleasure in the company of those who _____.

3: Using one's _____ and _____ to instigate sacrilegious and _____ activity.

¹ The Complete Word Study Old Testament, KJV, copyright 1994, p. 2303

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The blessed person responds to _____ with _____ through _____.

Delight is:

The law of the LORD is:

Meditation is:

Why the Law? Without the _____ news, the _____ News is _____ news.

-v. 3-

"Planted" in verse 3 means _____.

What kind of tree is the blessed person like?

Don't expect to bear fruit immediately upon embarking on the path of the blessed.

Be _____. Soak up the nourishment of God's Word until you are _____.