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Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

(Psalms 1:1-2)

- (Psalm 119:1; Psalm 1:1) “Blessed” - a person who has been blessed by God with His “graces” of rebirth.
 - ★ “Blessed” is in the plural signifying “very much blessed”.
 - ★ A born-again person is an undefiled person “in the way” - the Law of God. He walks the narrow path that leads to life. (Matt 7:13-14)

MEMORY VERSE

You have commanded us to keep Your precepts diligently.

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- ★ **DO YOU KEEP HIS PRECEPTS DILIGENTLY?**
- ★ When we are told that God commands do we take Him seriously.
- ★ Do you pick and choose what you will obey of commands and, how and when you obey God?

- ★ Do you believe that you are exempt from diligently obeying God's commands because Christ died for you? (See Romans 6)
- ★ We live in dangerous times. Many who call themselves "christians" do not take God's precepts, commands, judgments, statutes, testimonies, and His Word seriously. They believe that they can ignore what God has written and still go to heaven. **Those who ignore God's precepts will not enter heaven no matter who loudly they give their personal testimony that Christ is their Saviour and Lord.**
- ★ **ONLY THOSE WHO OBEY BELIEVE AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE OBEY.**
- ★ Obedience and faith always go together. (James 2:14-26; Matthew 7:21-29)
- **What is a precept?** Precepts are guiding principles or rules used to control, influence, or regulate conduct. Precepts are commands principles intended primarily as a general rule of action. It is an order issued by the legally constituted authority to a subordinate official. A precept is (legal) a written command.
 - Precepts are God's commands for all people - believers and unbelievers.
 - Precepts are not ONLY the ten commandments but all of God's commands written down in both the Old and New Testaments.
 - God's precepts are **written** and **preserved** for all people.
 - God's precepts are found in God's Word and Christ taught that "Man (all men) live (their daily lives) on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Luke 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - In the New Testament, God's commands come in the form of imperative verbs. An imperative verb is a command. To ignore an imperative verb is to sin against God.
 - A person cannot obey if they do not know God's commands. One cannot know God's precepts/commands without being a serious student/disciple of God's Word.
- ✗ To ignore/disobey God's **written** precepts is wickedness and rebellion against God. (Daniel 9:5)
- ✗ Not to live your life **diligently** in accordance with God's precepts is SIN.
- ✓ To obey **diligently** is to obey with your **whole** heart. (Psalm 119:69)
- ✓ God does not accept partial or lazy obedience. Partial obedience is disobedience.
- ✓ God accepts no excuses for disobeying His precepts.
- ★ Those who love Christ obey His commandments/precepts. (John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
- ★ Those who do not obey His commandments do not love Christ and are accursed! (John 14:24; 1 Corinthians 16:22)
- ★ **DO YOU KEEP HIS PRECEPTS DILIGENTLY?**