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DISCIPLES MEDITATE

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".

MEMORY VERSE

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- So far in Psalm 119, the Word of God describes the person who has been born-again, one who has been blessed by God:
 - ★ (v.1) 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)
 - ★ (v. 2) A born-again person keep God's testimonies and seeks God with their **whole** heart.
 - ★ (v. 3) A born-again person does not sin and they walk in God's ways. (1 John 3:6-10; Titus 2:11-14)
 - ★ (v. 4) A born-again person has heard God's command to keep His precepts diligently.
 - ★ (v. 5) A born-again person cries out when he is falling short of diligently keeping God's commandments and cries for help.

- A disciple has no shame <u>when</u> he/she "looks into" (The Hebrew word signifies a deep respect for, places high value upon, hearty affection for, deeply desires, obeys) all of God's commandments.
- Many in this generation are willing to keep <u>some</u> of God's commandments.
 They pick and choose what commandments to obey.
- As far as "respect for" they decide for themselves what commandments they will obey, how they will obey, and when they will obey. THIS IS REBELLION. THIS IS SETTING ONESELF UP AS GOD.
- The Bible, God's Word, is the revelation of God's will. Those who do not do God's will will not go to heaven. (Matthew 7:21)
- **WE LIVE IN DANGEROUS TIMES** when many believe they are Christians and yet feel no shame when they transgress any of God's commandments.
 - ➤ (Jeremiah 6:14-15) They have listened to false teachings that there is peace with God even in their disobedience. They feel no shame in their disobedience.
 - ➤ They excuse themselves from strict obedience because of:
 - → Their circumstances
 - → The situation they are in
 - → Ignorance: They are ignorant of God's commandments and do not meditate on His Law.
 - ➤ False teachings a teaching that because Christ died for their sins they are free from obeying all of God's commandments.
 - ➤ They will quote Romans 6:14 out of context or not understanding its meaning. GRACE IS NOT A LICENSE TO DISOBEY ANY OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.
- A disciple is not ashamed <u>when</u> he/she is respecting <u>all</u> of God's commandments. "There is no shame in living a holy life." Disciples <u>pursue</u> holiness in the fear of God. (Hebrews 12:14; 2 Corinthians 7:2)
- Not to respect (look into) all of God's commandments is not to respect God. Those who do not respect God will not be allowed into His heaven.
- Those who love Christ <u>will</u> keep His commandments. (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
- Those who pick and choose what commandments to obey and how they will obey them do not love Christ. (John 14:23)