

Blessed is the Man

Psalm 1

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- The blessed man described negatively
- The blessed man described positively
- The ungodly contrasted
- Some points of application

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- Who does not:
  - Walk in the counsel of the ungodly
    - Proverbs 11:14; 1:10
  - Stand in the path of sinners
    - c.f. 1 Corinthians 15:1
  - Sit in the seat of the scornful

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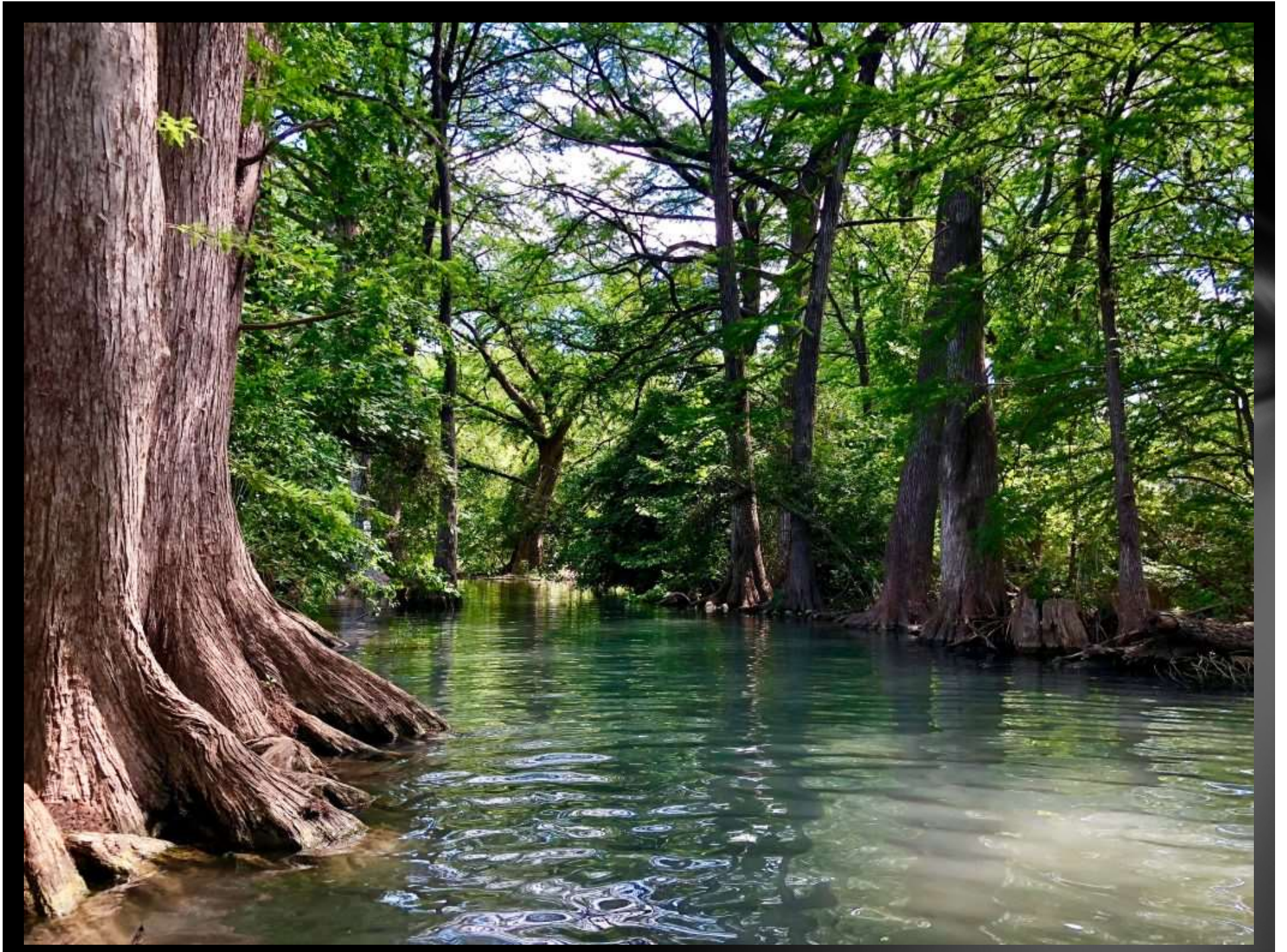
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      - Psalm 119:97
      - Romans 7:22

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      - 2 Chronicles 17:6
      - Psalm 119:15-16
      - 1 Thessalonians 2:13
      - Acts 17:11

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    - Colossians 2:6-8



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      - John 15:8
      - Ephesians 2:10

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        - **1 John 5:4**

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    - **Whatever he does shall prosper**
      - **3 John 2**

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    - Romans 14:11

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  - Shall not stand in the judgment
  - Nor stand in the congregation of the righteous
  - Revelation 21:27



# See: Blessedness

- “Blessed is the man...”
- Who do you consider blessed?
  - Blessed for many is....
    - Mark 8:36
  - True blessedness is...
    - Deep, abiding happiness, peace
    - True and worthwhile purpose
    - Spiritual usefulness and fruitfulness
    - Restfulness in the favor of the Lord
    - Desiring the best and noblest of things
    - Desiring moral excellence
    - Has the best future in sight

Seek the blessedness of Psalm 1

# See: The Digressive Nature of Sin

- Begins with following bad counsel
  - Devoid of spiritual discernment
  - Wicked
  - Perverted
  - A little tainted with error
- Continues in evil-doing
  - "You have your way, I have mine"
- Leads to all out assault on the way which is right
  - Proverbs 17:15
- Sin enslaves
  - Hosea 4:11
  - Isaiah 5:18
  - 2 Timothy 2:16, 26; 3:13

Therefore, stand fast!  
1 Corinthians 16:13

# See: The Desire for the Law of the Lord

- “His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night”
- A kingdom has, among other things, a king, citizens, and a law
- Law contains not only command but blessing
- The kingdom of Christ has law!
  - Romans 8:2
  - James 1:25
  - Galatians 6:2

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- “His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night”
- The blessings to be obtained from the law of the Lord
  - Romans 10:17
    - Faith
  - Colossians 1:9-12
    - Wisdom, spiritual understanding, fruitfulness, pleasing the Lord, gratitude
  - Colossians 2:6-8
    - Rooted, built up, established *in the faith*
  - Acts 20:32
    - Give you an inheritance
  - Ephesians 6:16
    - Withstand the wiles of the devil

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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- “His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night”
- When Israel did not give attention to the law, there was trouble!
  - 2 Chronicles 15:3
- Likewise, today there will be trouble without attention to the law of Christ!
  - Religious error and division, immorality and worldliness
- Here’s an alternative to law:
  - Judges 21:25

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- “His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night”
- Compare King Rehoboam to Ezra
  - 1 Kings 12:8
  - 1 Kings 14:22-24
  - 2 Chronicles 12:14
  - Ezra 7:10

Delight in and meditate upon the law of the Lord