

So you want to be happy: God's Secret to a Happy Life
Psalm 1

1. O to be envied *{is}* the man who does not walk in counsel of
(gnomic) Qal Pf 3MS/הלך

wicked nor does not stand in way (road) of sinners
(gnomic) Qal Pf 3MS/עמד

nor does not sit in seat of scorning ones.
(gnomic) Qal Pf 3MS/ישב

2. But rather if in the Law (instruction) of Yahweh he delights and in His
Law
(Waltke pg. 671)

he meditates by day and night.
(habitual modal) Qal Impf 3MS/הגה anytime of the day

3. Then he will be like a tree
(logical result of vs. 2) Waw Convers Qal Pf 3MS/היה (temporal marker)

planted beside a canal of water which
Qal Pass Ptcp MS

shall give fruit in its time (season/repeated action) and (circumstantial) leaf
Qal Fut Impf 3MS/נתן

it shall not wither
לא + Qal Fut Impf 3MS/נבל

and (simple disjunctive) all who shall do shall be made prosperous.
Qal Fut Impf 3MS/עשה Hiph Impf 3MS/צלח

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4. The wicked ones are not so, but certainly they are like chaf which
wind drives away.

(gnomic) Qal Modal Impf 3MS/נרף

5. Therefore the wicked then shall never stand in justice nor sinners

Qal Modal Impf 3MP/לא + קום

in congregation of righteous.

6. For Yahweh knows the way of the righteous

Qal Act. Ptcp MS/ירע (Gen 4:1 => implies the most intimate relationship)

but way of wicked shall perish.

(adversative)

Qal Impf 3FS/אכר

Eschological implications:

1. Revelation the angel who is to guard the lake of fire.
2. Noun form is used as a synonym of sheol.

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Introduction

- A. We all want to be happy. I do not know of anyone who does not want to be happy. Even when people do illogical things, they are still seeking happiness.
- B. What are the kinds of things that make us happy?
 - 1. That depends:
 - a. When you were three you would have been happy to play all day with a toilet paper roll!
 - b. When you were six playing with toy trucks or your doll house probably thrilled you!
 - c. How about that Christmas present you received when you were 10 that got you so excited, but now you can hardly remember what it was.
 - 2. Really nothing!

A truly happy person is a person who is blessed by God.

A person who is blessed by God is characterized in two ways:

- I. A truly happy person actively avoids evil companions.
 - A. He/she avoids their evil counsel. (vs. 1a)
 - B. He/she avoids their evil actions. (vs. 1b)
 - C. He/she avoids their evil attitudes. (vs. 1c)
 - D. He/she avoids their evil destination/direction. (vs. 4,5 & 6b)
- II. A truly happy person actively pursues God's Word. (vs. 2)
 - A. It plants him in good places. (vs. 3a)
 - B. It enables him to bear good fruit. (vs. 3b)
 - C. Its satisfaction does not fade. (vs. 3c)
 - D. It enables her to be truly prosperous. (vs. 3d)
 - E. It is the only path to intimacy with God. (vs. 6a)

Conclusion:

There are thousands of things in the life and world that will fight for your attention. Many of them will bring temporary satisfaction. Most all of them will promise happiness.

However, true happiness comes from being blessed by God.

Are you in a place for God to bless you? You will be if you actively avoiding evil companions and actively pursuing God's Word.