



Today's Lesson

1. Worship in Song
2. Study Psalm 1
 - Observation
 - Interpretation
 - Application
3. Review Reading/Next Lesson



Psalm 1

God grows His church, God grows His children.
God's Word is life, It flows all day and night.

Plant me by the streams of Living Water
Take root below, bear fruit above,
Love one another, reach out to others,

That's how God grows His church
God grows His children.



Assignment 1

Question: What does Psalm 1 say about what would help or hurt the growth of the church?

Observation
Interpretation
Application



Psalms 1:1

Observation

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.



Psalms 1:1

Interpretation

1. Those who sit in the seat of the mocker will not be blessed.

2. Progression of evil . . .
 - Walk
 - Stand
 - Sit



Psalms 1:1

Application

“There are some who imagine that it is their duty to be church tinkers. It is agreeable to their natural feelings to be seeking spot and stain in others; they watch diligently for something to reprove, and they become narrower and narrower in their ideas, until they are ready to make one an offender for a word.



Psalms 1:1
Application

“In the Sabbath meetings, when all should be individually engaged in the worship of God, an accusing spirit is allowed to come in, and one bears testimony against another. This spirit is wholly unlike Christ, and leads to dissension and wrangling. God no more accepts such worship than he accepted Cain’s offering.



Psalms 1:1
Application

“There is no more effectual hindrance to growth in grace than this disposition to criticize and condemn others. We have in our experience seen this accusing spirit gradually enter the hearts of church-members until it had leavened nearly the entire church, and the result was that little of real godliness or of the spirit of Christ remained” (HS 212-213).



Psalms 1:1
Application

The Pastor and the
“Old Guard”



Psalms 1:2

Observation

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.



Psalms 1:2

Interpretation

1. Those who delight in meditating upon the Word of God day and night will be blessed.



Psalms 1:2

Application

1. The Word of God miraculously changes a person from one who delights in gossip to one who delights in God's Word.



Psalms 1:2

Application

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17. Through the power of Christ, men and women have broken the chains of sinful habit. They have renounced selfishness. The profane have become reverent, the drunken sober, the profligate pure.



Psalms 1:2

Application

Souls that have borne the likeness of Satan have become transformed into the image of God. This change is in itself the miracle of miracles. A change wrought by the Word, it is one of the deepest mysteries of the Word. We cannot understand it; we can only believe, as declared by the Scriptures, it is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (AA 476).



Psalms 1:2

Application

Meeting the challenge of people are too busy or who cannot read.



Psalms 1:3

Observation

He is like a tree, planted by streams of water which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.



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Psalms 1:3

Interpretation

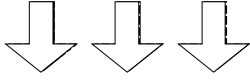
<i>Biblical</i>	<i>Formation</i>	<i>Mission</i>
<i>Knowing</i> →	<i>Growing</i> →	<i>Doing</i>
<i>Take Root Below</i>	<i>Bear Fruit Above</i>	<i>Isaiah 37:31</i>



Psalms 1:3

Interpretation

Take Root Below



Joseph in Prison
Moses in the Wilderness
Jonah in the Whale
Jesus in the Wilderness/Grave



Psalms 1:3

Interpretation

All things are possible with God, and by faith we may lay hold on His power. But faith is not sight; faith is not feeling; faith is not reality. "Faith is the substance of things *hoped* for, the evidence of things *not* seen."



Psalms 1:3

Interpretation

To abide in faith is to put aside feeling and selfish desires, to walk humbly with the Lord, to appropriate His promises, and apply them to all occasions, believing that God will work out His own plans and purposes in your heart and life by the sanctification of your character; it is to rely entirely, to trust implicitly, upon the faithfulness of God.



Psalms 1:3

Interpretation

If this course is followed, others will see the special fruits of the Spirit manifested in the life and character (FE 341-342).



Psalms 1:3

Interpretation

“You shall know them by their fruits” (Mt. 7:16).

“The object of the Christian life is fruit bearing, the reproduction of Christ’s character in the believer that it may be reproduced in others.



Bear Fruit Above



Psalms 1:3

Interpretation

When we live by faith on the Son of God, the fruits of the Spirit will be seen in our lives; not one will be missing (DA 676).



Bear Fruit Above



Psalms 1:3

Interpretation

If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one (9T 189).



Whatever they do Prospers!



Psalms 1:3

Interpretation

<i>Biblical</i>	<i>Formation</i>	<i>Mission</i>
<i>Knowing</i>	<i>Growing</i>	<i>Doing</i>
<i>Take Root Below</i>	<i>Bear Fruit Above</i>	<i>Prosperous</i>
<i>Mary</i>		<i>Martha</i>



Psalms 1:3

Application

We must plant ourselves and others by the water so that we can bear fruit and be prosperous in ministry.



Psalms 1:4-6

Observation

Psalms 1:4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Psalms 1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

Psalms 1:6 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



Psalms 1:4-6

Interpretation

The wicked are like dried “chaff in verse 4 which are a contrast to the leaf that does “not wither” in verse 3. The wind is the judgment (verse 5) and verse six is the counterpart to verse 1.



Psalms 1:4-6

Application

There will be eternal consequences to where we choose to plant ourselves.



Next Lesson

1. Review Reading
2. Study Donald McGavran
Observation
Interpretation
Application
3. Read Bridges of God
