

God has blessed His people in Christ with a happy, stable, and godly life - like a tree!

1. When we look at our lives, do we see a happy life? Let us check our pathways, our delights, and our ponderings. Are we stable like a planted tree? (v.1-3)

We are on the pathway of The LORD if we...

- a. refuse to follow other counselors, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers. (v.1)
- b. *continue in the LORD's law (Word), delighting and meditating on it day and night.* (v.2)
- c. have been transplanted by streams of water like a tree, and we bear enduring fruit. (Colossians 1:13; Galatians 5:22f) (v.3)
- d. have met (know) the LORD and He made us righteous. (v.6)

2. When we perform this same check on Jesus, what do we see? Christ Jesus lived 'like a tree' Himself, went to the cross-tree for us, and now transplants/irrigates us!

3. When we look at the life of the wicked what do we see? We observe instability, inevitable destruction, and an exit. (v.4-5)

We are NOT on the pathway of the LORD, if we...

- a. have not been transplanted, and instead we remain as impermanent as chaff. (v.4)
- b. follow our own counsel, rather than God's law (Word), concerning judgment and the assembling of the righteous for worship. (v.5)
- c. are miserable and our existence is heading for an end in death and separation from God. In other words, God suddenly removes us and we perish. (v.6)

4. Takeaway lessons? By the end, this wisdom Psalm and its author have exposed us as being either wise or foolish, either known or doomed. Where will our current route lead us? Could we right now change paths? 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Ultimately, it is The Lord who is responsible for which path we are traveling. (v.6) Since He knows us, and we know Him, then we are holy and righteous, and alive eternally because of the cross. He cares for us, and we live safe, stable, and *happy* lives!