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Reading: Psalm 1:1-6

The Psalm speaks of 2 kinds of people, the Blessed man and the ungodly.

What does it mean by “**Blessed**” man? It could be translated happy, the man with joy and delight in his heart.

Focusing on v1 - “**Blessed is the man thatscornful**”.

How could it apply to you and me?

Doesn't sit in the “seat of scornful”. The world is full of people who despise the name of the Lord. “**Sitting down they watched Him there**”(Mat 27). at Calvary as the Son of God was nailed to the cross in the place of shame, the world looked on. People sat who didn't believe He was the Son of God.”**If thou be the Son of God**”. They failed to recognise the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. They treated Him with disdain and scorn.

His holy life gave evidence that He was the Son of God. “**In Him is no sin**”, “**He did no sin**”, “**He knew no sin**”. He was different from other human. He was the Son of God from heaven. The miracles He performed displayed He was the Son of God. “**No man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with Him**”. His teaching proved He was the Son of God. “**Never man spake like this man**”, “**Spake with authority**”. His resurrection gave proof He was the Son of God. “**Declared to be Son of God with power by resurrection from the dead**”. The resurrection is the cornerstone of the christian message, it is the most fundamental part of the christian doctrine.

Man scorned while the Lord Jesus Christ was here and still do it today.

The people who sat round Calvary scorned His name and scoffed His ability to save. “**Saved others, Himself He cannot save**”. Had He saved Himself He could have saved no others. Salvation depends on the death of the Son of God. “**Lamb foreordained before the foundation of the world**”.

The people knew of the salvation but were not willing to avail themselves of it. They treated it as a joke.

Why did the Lord Jesus die? Not to be a martyr or for a cause “**Bore our sins in His body on the tree**”.

They were unmoved by the sight of a suffering Saviour. “**Is it nothing to all ye that pass by**”(Lam).

At Calvary the Lord Jesus bore divine judgment for all of mankind's sin.

Many are unmoved by the love shown at Calvary.

2 Cor 5:14-15 “**The love of Christ constraineth me**”

Remember God loves you. “**Greater love hath no man than this...**”

Doesn't stand in the way of sinners. Pr 14:12, Pr 16:25. Man thinks it is ok, thinks he is on the right road. The devil doesn't mind you thinking you are on the road to heaven when all along you are on the road to hell. So many people take their own route in life but it leads to death and destruction.

“I am the way...”(John 14:6). try as many ways as you like but only the way of the cross leads to heaven. Broad road leads to destruction, narrow way leads to life. The christian pathway is a narrow pathway, it is not easy but only those on it will get to heaven. “Broad is gate....narrow...” “Are there few that be saved”.

Doesn't walk in counsel of ungodly. Doesn't take advice from friends who are unconverted. Don't be influenced by other people.

Moses – a young man, brought up in Egyptian palace, heir to the throne with all going well. He wasn't interested in the riches of Egypt. He chose to turn back on all this. “feared not wrath of King”. He didn't allow anything to discourage him. “Esteemed reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt”. He lived for eternity, not for this world.

Pilate – examined the Lord Jesus thoroughly, was faced with a dilemma. “find no fault in this man”. His with said “Have nothing to do with this just man”, the crowd said “no king but Caesar” “If you let Him go no friend of Caesar”. He made his choice and sent the Lord Jesus to be crucified. “Willing to content the people...” He wanted to take his stand but was afraid to pay the price.

“Crucify to ourselves Son of God and put to an open shame”(Heb)

Come to the Saviour and repent of your sin, trust the Lord Jesus as you Saviour, Be “Born again” and become part of the family of God.