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PSALM 1:1-3
OUR DELIGHT

The core message of Psalm 1:1-2 is ***“Blessed (happy) is the man (ish) (whose) delight is in the law of the LORD (Yahweh, Jehovah).”***

“The Law” in the Old Testament meant the Law of Moses which counted for them as righteousness. The New Testament brings true righteousness in Christ. The “law” thus means living in the righteous precepts of Jehovah whose Holy Spirit is imparted to our hearts through faith in Jesus Christ.

“Delight” means it is our pleasure to live for God. We do not follow Him simply as a “fire insurance policy” to escape hell. We do it by reciprocating the love which He has shown us.

It is a pleasure to meditate “day and night” upon His word. The Word (Jesus) imparts peace to us in our souls and spirit. His Word brings faith to us. That faith enables us to stand firmly for Him (v. 3) ***“like a tree planted by the rivers of water”*** rooted solidly in His Word.

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. We should sometimes read the Word aloud so we can hear it from our own tongue. The Holy Spirit takes the Word we hear (the logos) from the Bible and speaks to us the “now” word (rhema) that specifically applies to us at that time and place.

Read the Word. Then “break it down” through deeper study. Holy Spirit will show you things new to your understanding.