

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

RIGHTEOUS IN CHRIST

(Christ our Righteous Priest)

Psalm 1

We begin a series on selected Psalms and themes from Psalms where the Holy Spirit chose to begin the book – with Psalm 1.

1. God's prescription for blessing & prosperity, vv.1-3

The man who is blessed (truly happy in God's favor) & prosperous:
He is not guided by the advice of the wicked,

Does not choose their way of life for himself,

Does not make himself at home with those who mock God.

Positively – He loves the Word of the Lord (“torah”),

And meditates on in all of his life.

Result: His life is like a green tree that is always fruitful –

In everything he does he prospers.

2. But sinners do not qualify! What hope for us?

Can you say, “That’s me, that’s my life”?

Examine yourselves in the light of vv. 1-3.

We are sinners – by nature & birth, in heart & deeds.

What is in store for sinners? Verses 4-6:

a life of vanity ending in rejection by God & judgment.

3. Christ our righteousness

a. Christ is the Righteous One, fulfills vv.1-3

b. Christ bore the judgment of vv.4-6

c. His righteousness is God's gift in justification to all believers.

d. Christ by the Spirit makes believers righteous

He teaches us to embrace vv.1&2 as our way of life.

e. He grants to us the blessings promised & earned by Him:

Blessedness from God (v.1)

Fruitfulness (v.3)

Stand before God in the judgment (v.5)

Know that the Lord is watching over our way in love (v.6)