



Blessed is the one who isn't judged as wicked...

Read

“Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous” (Psalm 1:5)

Consider

Verse 4 talked about how the wicked were useless chaff with no security. If this wasn't bad enough there's more. From our verse today, there are 4 questions I want to explore:

1. What is “the judgment”?
2. What is “the assembly of the righteous”?
3. Why is it bad news for the wicked and the sinners?
4. What does this mean for us?

(1) The Judgment

All people will die and be judged by God for *everything* they have done (Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 12:14). We all face this reality. How does this fact impact the wicked? They will not be approved by God when he judges them. Everything that has been said of the wicked and their way of living in Psalm 1 reaches its end when they are judged by God and found guilty.

(2) The Assembly of the Righteous

As Christians who have been saved by God, we have been transplanted from our old life and ways into God's eternal family. This is the “assembly of the righteous. Sinners who remain in opposition to God will never have a place in his family.

(3) Why is this bad news for the wicked and the sinners?

It's bad news because while it may seem that they can live their lives in their supposed “freedom”, their days are numbered and God's judgment is drawing closer. It's like a crowd of people happily building sandcastles at the beach on a sunny day, as a tsunami they have been warned about roars closer to the shore. They just pretend like it isn't coming. This isn't real freedom, it's delusion. This is why it makes no sense to think that they are living the #blessedlife. They're not, and it's all going to end badly for them.

(4) What does this mean for us?

If you're a Christian, we gotta be soooo thankful to God that we won't be judged like the wicked will be (we will get into this more in the next study). But this reminder of what happens to the wicked: (1) Judged as guilty and (2) No place in God's family, can perhaps make us pause and consider the urgency of warning them about the coming judgment. How do we do this? We open our mouths and bring the gospel to them. Tell them about Jesus! How will they be able to call on and believe in Jesus if they have never heard of him (Romans 9:14-15)? Remember that Jesus is the only reason we escape God's judgment. Thank him!

Pray

Thank God that you won't be judged like the wicked, and ask for boldness to tell people about Jesus. Some of us may have taken this for granted. Ask God to renew your joy!