



Bits of Home Chat: Hi, how are you? What's new or special on your end? I was at the church building the other day helping Joy to decorate for an upcoming dinner. I learned that you could use one color of plastic table clothes on the table and then use a second color, leave it folded, then run it down the middle of the table for an accent runner. If you want to be really fancy, you can run a wide ribbon that has the dinner's theme print, on top of the runner. She was using bees, honey, and flowers together. >>>> Our oldest granddaughter and her husband have been married for several years and did not know if they could have their own children. She was finally expecting, recently, but miscarried. She was quite broken. Carl and I



went to see her and her husband. I took her a bracelet that has a mustard seed in it. It represents faith as the grain of a mustard seed, but I told her it could also represent the tiny seed she had borne, and that she has a child in Heaven. See II Samuel 12, especially verse 23 >>>> The company that made the bracelet now sells necklaces and bracelets that have a figure of the mountain above the mustard seed. The one in the picture is from a different company but is very similar. >>>>Colds are making their way around the area again. Carl got it worse than I did, but he is getting extra rest, vitamin C and lots of liquids, etc. I think I am gonna embrace Spring when it gets here! >>>> A friend's well collapsed recently, putting her and 3 children into a real mess. They got water delivered, but it was only enough to do basic things. Showers and regular dishwashing were rare events. Our church got them enough disposable plates, plasticware, napkins, paper towels and such to last a month. Carl and I and another church family invited them to shower and do laundry at our homes. We have enjoyed their company twice so far at our house. The kids are all teens who have been raised to be respectful, helpful, and yet fun loving. They were a blessing! >>>> We are waiting for two great grandbabies to arrive. One is due about now; the other is due in April, if I remember correctly. >>>> Well, we hope that you are enjoying God's peace in all of your lives . Sometimes we get overwhelmed with situations, trials, concerns and all else that can enter a person's life, but we turn to Jesus and the Heavenly Father, in prayer. He always puts a song within our hearts that no human can put there, and no one can explain. It is the peace that passes understanding! >>>>God bless you and help you in any matter you may have. The Earleys

Focus or Memory Verse: **Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.**

**Verses to Ponder: In place of verses to read, I chose a commentary on part of Psalm 1 for you. I hope it aids your spiritual life or aids you in teaching others.**

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

The Psalm writer, like the Sermon on the Mount, opens with a "beatitude," for our comfort and encouragement, directing us immediately to that happiness which all mankind, in different ways, are seeking and inquiring after. All would secure themselves from the intrusions of misery; but all do not consider that misery is the offspring of sin, from which it is therefore necessary to be delivered and preserved in order to become happy, or "blessed."

Ver. 2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

He who hath once brought himself to "delight" in the Scriptures, will find no temptation to exchange that pleasure for any which the world or the flesh can offer him. Such an one will make the lively oracles of God his companions by day and by night. He will return to them for direction, in the bright and cheerful hours of prosperity; to them he will apply for comfort, in the dark and dreary seasons of adversity. The enemy, when

advancing to the assault, will always find him well employed, and will be received with-“Get thee behind me, Satan!” When the law of God is the object of our studies and meditations, we are conformed to the example of our Redeemer himself, who, as a man, while he “increased in stature,” increased likewise “in wisdom,” Ps 119:99.

Ver. 3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

By continual meditation in the sacred writings, a man as naturally improves and advances in holiness, as a “tree” thrives and flourishes in a fertile and well-watered soil. All the “fruits of righteousness” show themselves at their proper “season” as opportunity calls for them; and his words, which are to his actions what the “leaves” are to the fruit, fall not to the ground, but are profitable, as well as ornamental. Everything in him and about him serves the purpose for which it was intended; his brethren are benefitted by him, and his Maker is glorified.

Ver. 4. The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff, which the wind driveth away.

In the foregoing description of the righteous, all appeared lively and fruitful, lovely and enduring; but here, by way of contrast, we are presented with nothing but what is withered and worthless, without form or stability, blown about by every wind, and at length finally dispersed from the face of the earth, by the breath of God’s displeasure, and driven into the fire prepared for it. Such is the state, such the lot of the “ungodly;” and so justly are they compared to “chaff.”

Ver. 5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

A day is coming, when the divine Husbandman shall appear with his “fan in his hand,” and shall thoroughly purge his floor.” The wheat, which shall stand the winnowing of that day, will be gathered into the celestial granary; while the chaff, forever separated from it, shall be hurried out of the floor, and carried, by a mighty whirlwind, to its own place. Then shall there be a “congregation of the righteous,” in which “sinners shall not stand.” At present wheat and chaff lie in one floor; wheat and tares grow in one field; good and bad fishes are caught into one net; good and bad men are contained in the visible church. Let us wait with patience for God’s time of separation.

**OUR QUESTION FOR YOU IS, “ARE YOU SAVED AND LIVING A GODLY LIFE? ARE YOU A SHINING EXAMPLE OF GODLINESS DAY BY DAY? IF NOT, IT IS TIME TO START LIVING THE FRUITFUL LIFE THAT GIVES OFF LIGHT, HERE ON EARTH, AND YIELDS FRUIT FOR ALL ETERNITY!!!**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE VERSES, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK? GOD WANTS US TO GROW SPIRITUALLY, AND TO HELP OTHERS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!**