

THE BIBLE IS MY DELIGHT!

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

INTRO:

The subject of the Psalmist in this text is the Word of God. He starts out by telling us, Living according to the words and reports of the ungodly will lead us and push us away from God. He is saying, walking according to the counsel of the ungodly will cause us to live lives absent of God's blessing.

There is one thing that I do not want to do in my life, and that is live my life away from God, and away from His blessing. I want God's blessing to be a reality in every area of my life and ministry. I want to be blessed!

Therefore, I pay extra close attention to verse 2. For Verse 2 tells me how I can find God's blessing in my life. Verse 2 contains the door to a place in which you and I can realize God's blessing. The door to this place of Blessing is the Word of The Lord.

The Psalmist said:

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Saints, blessings are a direct result of our delight in the Word of God. When our delight is the Word of God, God will cause:

1. Our lives To be Established Strong in Him
2. Our lives to Bear Fruit for Him.

3. Our Joy never to wither.
4. Our lives to be a Prospering Success in and for His Kingdom.

All of this takes place in a life that delights in the Word of the Lord.
I don't know about you but I have chosen to make the Word of God my delight!

When I speak of the Word of the Lord today, I am of course talking about the Bible that ought to be near and dear to your heart.

Some say that this book just contains the Word of God, to say that is to imply that some of the words recorded here are not God breathed, and Holy Ghost inspired, But I declare unto you and anyone else that wants to listen this book doesn't just contain God's word, But IT IS GOD'S WORD.

From Cover to Cover, From Book, to Book. From Old Testament, to New Testament From Writer to Writer it's ALL the WORD OF GOD, For every single word of this precious work is God Breathed, and Holy Ghost Inspired. For every punctuation mark is God Breathed, and Holy Ghost Inspired. For every Jot and Title is God Breathed, and Holy Ghost Inspired.

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD AND I DELIGHT IN IT!!!!

I. GOD IS THE SOURCE OF THIS BOOK:

Today I can make the claims that I just made, and the declarations I just made about this Blessed Book for 1 reason, and that is that God is the Source of this Book.

As I have already clearly communicated, This Book is God Breathed, and Holy Ghost Inspired. Not a word in this book was derived by man, but all of it was produced from God's heart and mind.

God is the Solitary Source for this Book.

2 Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Saint's we must understand that God's desire is that our doctrine and lives be perfect, therefore He could not, nor would not leave those two things in the hands of man. He knew that if our doctrine and our lives were to be perfect then it must be His Word that we Teach, Preach, and Proclaim. If our lives and doctrine are to be perfect, then it must be His Word that Reproves us, instructs us, and corrects us.

Therefore God is the Inspiration, and Source of all Scripture "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

God is The Source of All The Words of This Book

That's why Paul told the Thessalonians:

1 Thess 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

At this point, the argument always comes up, how can we be so sure we have God's inspired word? How can we be so sure that God is the Source of the Bible, since it was man that wrote it?

First of all, I would say to those with this argument. The men that wrote this Book were not like a lot of Christians in our day, these men didn't just claim to Love God they actually Loved Him.

Secondly, these men weren't out to prove anything to anybody. These men had no hidden agendas. They were not trying to work their way to the top in some denomination. They had no intentions of building a mega Church, or even making a lot of Money. They were not trying to be on the cutting edge of their day. They weren't out to get ahead in anything in life, for in most cases this Book cost them their lives. These selfish ambitions didn't even cross their mind.

The only thing that was on their minds was doing what God called them to do. The only thing that was on their minds was sharing the Good News of the Gospel with a world that was wickedly winding themselves toward Hell.

We know that doing what God called Him to do, and doing that as God ordained and directed was the only thing on Paul's mind for he wrote:

1 Cor 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Yes Men penned the Words, but the Inspiration, and the Words themselves are from God who is the source of this blessed Book.

1 Pet 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

God is the Source of this Book and I delight in it.

I delight in this Book Because:

II. IT IS A BOOK OF:

1. PROMISE:

In the Bible, He Promises us:

a. Forgiveness:

1 Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

b. Freedom:

Jn 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

c. Eternal Life:

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

d. Sonship:

Jn 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

e. Deliverance From Afflictions:

Psalm 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

f. Comfort in Chaos:

Isa 43:2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. **3** For I am the LORD thy God,...

g. Protection:

Prov 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him

h. Meet Our Needs:

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

i. Answer Prayer:

Mk 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them

j. Everything Would Work Out For Good:

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

k. Rest:

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

l. To Guide Me:

Jn 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:....

m. Wisdom:

Psalm 19:7 ... the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

n. His Presence:

Matt 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

o. To Return For The Faithful:

Jn 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

**I delight in this Book, for it's a Book of Promises
I also delight in this Book because it's a Book of Prayer:**

2. PRAYER:

That's right, this is a Book of prayer.

I already told you that one of the Promises that God has delivered to us are that He would hear and Answer Prayer; I delight in this Prayer Book.

FOR What an encouragement to my Prayer life to witness a Praying People, and an Answering God. YOU SEE, My confidence in Prayer is a result of what I have witnessed and read in this Book of Prayer.

I Read where:

- Noah prayed, and God put a Rainbow of Promise in the Sky.
 - Abraham Prayed, and God Promised Him a Son.
- Abraham Prayed Again, and again for the next 24 years, and God gave Him a Son.
- Abraham Prayed Again, and God spared his nephew Lot from Sodom's destruction.
 - Jacob Prayed and God changed his name from Cheater to Prince with God.
 - Moses Prayed and God worked 10 plagues in Egypt.
 - Moses Prayed again and the Red Sea rolled back.
 - Moses Prayed again and Manna flew in.
- Moses Prayed again and God split a Rock giving water to a million 1/2 people.
 - Moses Prayed again and the quail came.
- Moses Prayed again and kept God from destroying Israel because of disobedience.
 - Then I read about Moses understudy Joshua praying.
 - Joshua Prayed, and the walls of the City came Down.
- Joshua prayed again, and God said you won't win the next battle because there's sin in camp.
 - Joshua prayed again, and cleaned the sin out.
 - Joshua prayed again, and the Battle belonged to the Lord.
 - Joshua prayed again and the Sun and the Moon stood still.
- Samson prayed, and God gave him a 2nd chance, and he put his hands on the pillars and pulled down the temple of dagon.
 - Hannah Prayed and God gave Fruit to her womb, and Samuel was Born.
 - David prayed, and God forgave him for the sin of adultery, and murder.
 - Zacharias prayed and God gave the old man a son named John the Baptist.

Then I read about a man named Jesus who prayed.

- Jesus prayed, and the next day went and picked His disciples.
 - Jesus prayed again, and Lazarus Came forth.
 - Jesus prayed again, and he fed a multitude with a little boy's lunch.
 - Jesus prayed again, and He drank the bitter cup in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- Jesus prayed again Father Forgive them, into thy hands I commit my Spirit, it is Finished, and after that prayer He took a thief by the hand and led him into paradise.
 - 3 days later a stone moved in the garden, and Jesus came out with key's rattling in His hand declaring that you and I could live forever.
- Jesus prayed, and He told His disciples to go pray, and that's exactly what they did, they

prayed in the upper room, and after ten days of praying the Holy Ghost showed up and filled the house and their lives, and the Church was birthed in prayer.

Then the Church begin to pray;

- The Church prayed, and they were persecuted.
- The Church prayed again, and the place where they were was shaken, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost.
- They prayed again and they were persecuted some more.
- They Prayed again, and God sent an angel into the Prison to let Peter out.
- They Prayed again, and the Holy Spirit moved them out of Jerusalem, into Judea, and Samaria, and in to the utter most parts of the Earth.

Now being scattered all over the place, they were making a difference, for they were a people of purpose, and a people of power, because they were a People PRAYER.

I want to declare to you today that it is a blessing and a delight to read this Book of Prayer.

I also delight in this Book because it's a Book of Power:

3. POWER:

This is a Book of Power. For the Words in this Book have Power:

a. To Pierce Our Hearts, and Convict our Thoughts:

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

b. To Consume Sin, and Crush Our Will:

Jer 23:29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

c. To Save:

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

d. To Sanctify:

Jn 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

e. Over Fear:

2 Tim 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind

f. Over Sickness:

Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them,...

g. To Stabilize Us:

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ,

h. To Tread On The Enemy:

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you

The Book that you have in your possession is a Book that Contains POWER.

I don't know about you, but I delight in this Book of Promise, Prayer, and Power today. The Psalmist said a blessed man, is a man that Delights in the Word of God!

If you delight in God's word today, there are several things that you will do.

1. You will HEAR it.

Luke 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God,....

2. You Will Keep It.

Luke 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly....

3. Study It:

2 Tim 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

4. Obey It:

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

If you Delight in the Word of God,. Lastly You Will:

5. Proclaim it:

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.