



## Deepen Your Roots #2

### Psalm 1:1 - The Negative Description

1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

**Psalm 1:1 - Negative description** of a blessed person

- 3 descriptions of how blessings are kept from people who negatively influence them
- Walking - standing - sitting => shutting out the world's voice
- Repentance is the doorway leading to holiness and blessing- Isaiah 6

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### Psalm 1:2 - The Positive Description

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

**Psalm 1:2 - Positive description of a blessed person**

- #1 His delight is in the Law of the Lord
- #2 He **meditates** in God's law day and night
- In both cases, we find God's Word is central
- The two go together like two peas in a pod

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### Psalm 1:3 - The Tree Description

3 And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

**An illustration: Like a tree**

- Firmly planted
- Constantly nourished (streams of water)
- Yields fruit in its season
- Leaf does not wither
- "In whatever he does, he prospers"

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### Place of Query

- "Whatever he does, he prospers" (1:3)
- Does His promise conflict with our experience?
- Don't Christians go through struggles?
- Why has counseling grown so much among Christians?
- Why do pastors refer the sheep to secular counselors? No Bible, no prospering.




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### Another Set of Questions

- **Delight:** What does it mean when a believer doesn't desire for God's Word?
- How can one again delight in God's Word?
- What does it mean to meditate in God's Word?
- As we prolong our observation of this passage, it causes self-evaluation.

**This is meditation at work!**




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### The True Picture of Meditation

- Notice we don't have many answers!
- We develop more questions!
- Questions provoke insight
- Our hearts are stirred
- Thinking
- Growing




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### Some Conclusions

- Truths piggyback upon each other
- We learn one truth and see its relation to another
- Truths intertwine themselves with our very lives.
- Meditation is so different from just reading God's Word
- Relevance: Jesus fought with God's Word (Mat 4:1-5)




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### My Discovery




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### Summary

- Release the power of Your Word into my life
- The desire for His Word to work in all His people
- Determination to daily meditate in His Word
- God lives as my counselor and Savior through His Word
- I anticipate His blessing in my life and others - prospering (not dependent upon wealth, etc.)

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### Discussion Questions

- Which thought or word from Psalm 1:1-3 encouraged you the most?
- Explain your familiarity with meditating on God's Word?
- What questions do you have on biblical meditation?




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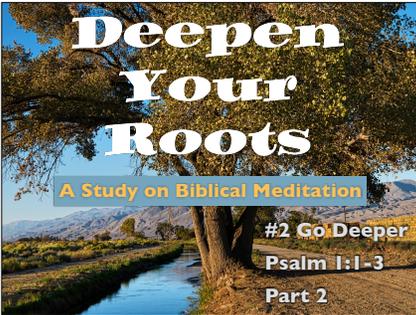
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