

Study Guide for Nov. 6th, 2011. The KEY to the Blessed Life. Psalms 1, 19 & 119.

Introduction: Describe an activity that you have found to be engaging and satisfying.

I Two Ways to Live: The Difference the Word of God can make in your soul. Ps. 1

- A. Read Psalm 1 through twice. Spend a few minutes reflecting on the images.
- B. What does the **blessed** man **NOT** engage in? What actions characterize his life?
- C. Compare the images of the tree (vs. 3) and the chaff (vs. 4). List the differences.
- D. Compare the different outcomes the wicked (vs. 5) with that of the righteous (vs. 6).
- E. Why do you think this Psalm was selected as the first in the book of the Psalms?
- F. What must take place for a person to choose to **meditate** frequently on God's word?

II. Two Means of Hearing God's Voice: The Superior Revelation of Scripture. Ps. 19.

- A. Read Psalm 19 through twice. Note the shift between vs. 1-6, vs. 7-11, & vs. 12-14.
- B. How was the sun viewed? (II Kings 23:5, Job 31:26-28) How is it viewed today?
- C. What does the Psalmist state the heavens declare? What does that say about God?
- D. List the terms used for the Word of God. List the benefits the Word produces.
- E. What does the Psalmist request of God? What prompted him to make this request?
- F. What must take place for a person to **value** God's word as expressed in vs. 10?

III. Two Prayerful Meditations to Appropriate God's Word into your life. Ps. 119:1-16.

- A. Read Psalm 119:1-8 through twice. Note the similarities to Psalm 1
- B. Describe the longing of the Psalmist? What is he asking God to do for him?
- C. Read Psalm 119:9-16 through twice. Note the similarities to Psalm 19
- D. Describe the benefits the Psalmist expects from God's word. What does he pledge?
- E. Determine a **Time**, **Place**, and **Strategy** to meet with God through His Word.