

Happy Are Those Who Take Refuge in Him
Psalm 1&2

“What is God’s reaction to the haughty words of these pygmy human rulers. God does not tremble. He does not hide behind a vast celestial rampart, counting the enemy and calculating whether or not he has sufficient force to counter this new challenge to his kingdom. He does not even rise from where he is sitting. He simply “laughs” at these great imbeciles.

This is the only place in the Bible where God is said to laugh, and it is not a pleasant laugh. It is a laugh of derision, as the next verb shows: ‘The Lord scoffs at them’ (2:4). This is what human attempts to throw off the rule of the sovereign God deserve. It is understandable that sinners would want to reject God’s rule. That is what sin is: a repudiation of God’s rule in favor of one’s own will. But although it is understandable, the folly of this attempt surpasses belief. How can mere human beings expect to get rid of God? Boice

- I. Psalm 1 introduces us to the doctrine of two ways. One path leads away from God the other to God. We all start out on the path that leads away from God because of being born in sin. It is a path many choose to stay on because they think, behave, and belong with those who want nothing to do with salvation, His moral absolutes and the whole counsel of His Word. They don’t want to be told how to live their lives even though they readily accept the counsel of the wicked, the ways of the wicked and the lifestyles that mock the holiness of God. In reality, they are being told how to live by a world system controlled by Satan. And the freedom they think they have is really only bondage to wickedness and judgment.

Psalm 1:1, 4-5

1 Cor. 1:6

1 Cor. 2:14

Matt. 7:13-14 *13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

- II. The only other path that is available to walk on is God's path of righteousness. It is not a popular path because it goes in a direction contrary to the sin nature. Grace makes this path available to anyone who finds it through belief in the gospel and the drawing of the Holy Spirit. It is a path that is lined with the truth of God's Word to help us prosper in righteousness on our pilgrimage to eternal life. And it is a path that is full of many blessings, because of God's direct involvement in our lives as He walks with us on the way he has laid out for each one of us according to His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Psalm 1:2,3,6

1 Cor. 2:12-13

Jn. 7:38

אֶשֶׁר 'eshher, eh'-sher; happiness; only in masculine plural construction as interjection, how happy!—blessed, happy. Strong's

- III. Psalm 2 is a Messianic Psalm that speaks of Christ sovereign rule over mankind as the one and only true King to whom all will bow down to when He takes his rightful place on the throne of David. It elaborates on the mindset or worldview of rebellion that exists on the path of wickedness. God holds all who rebel against Him in contempt for their arrogance in thinking that they are superior to Him and His moral absolutes. Knowing that God will judge the wickedness that grieves us, should make us happy that there is a just God who will not be mocked (Gal. 6:7).

Psalm 2:1-6

Acts 4:25-28

Eph. 6:12

1 Jn. 5:19-20

Jn. 3:19-20 *19And this is the verdict: The Light has come into the world, but men loved the darkness rather than the Light because their deeds were evil. 20Everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come into the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed....*

- IV. To kiss the Son, means to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is an act of complete surrender and recognition of the one and only true King's preeminence and rule over our lives. We kissed the Son upon salvation. In so doing, we not only took refuge in him, but we also obligated ourselves to live life according to his Word. Consequently, we will never experience His wrath but only the many blessings that come from a surrendered life. Only the ones who refuse to kiss Him will suffer the eternal consequences of their rebellion. Praise God we have been spared from that. *Happy are those who take refuge in him.*

Psalm 2:7-12

Heb. 2:8

Rev. 12:5, 19:15, 2:26-27

"There is no refuge from him, only in him." Kidner