

HOW TO BE GOD'S BLESSED PERSON

TEXT: *Psalms 1:1-3:*

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.

INTRODUCTION:

In the first Psalm is found the kind of man God blesses — one who does not mix a lot. Can God bless your life? Whenever you are willing to trim up as God wants you to, you cannot escape from the blessing that God wants to give. Have you spent nights in prayer and meditation seeking the blessings of God?



Let God tell you what is wrong with your life. Check up on yourself. **“Search me O God”**, was the Psalmist David’s request. God did answer his request and showed him the way to the truly happy life. We need old-fashioned conviction to come and show the things that are wrong. God needs to take away the blindness from our hearts and give us a vision of our carnality, both of which are an outrage to the Spirit of God.

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The first description of the blessed man is the company he **DOES NOT KEEP**. To be blessed of God, we must watch with whom we associate. We must live clear of three kinds of people — the ungodly man, the sinner, and the scorner. Note the three stages of the down pull of satan on the heart.

To be blessed of God, we must watch with whom we associate.

1. The **ungodly**, although outwardly respectable and moral, are not walking with the Lord, nor are they consecrated.
2. The **sinner** is the outgrowth of an ungodly man – he is now a wrong doer, a transgressor. The characteristics are: evil speaking, acting, and thinking; being dishonest, immoral, profane, selfish, and a false witness.
3. The **scorner** is reckless, an abandoned reprobate given up by God, has a seared conscience, is defiant, evil-minded, heart-hardened, and despises the things of God.



As soon as you make your mind up that you are going to live the life of a truly consecrated Christian, you will have to decide where you do Not Walk, Stand, or Sit, and then you will begin to have the blessed life.

NOTE:

Walketh -- implies an easy hunting for pleasure.

Standeth – sin is arresting his attention.

Sitteth – he settles down in wickedness.

God expects men to be right, requires them to be right, and enables them to be right. These are the things the blessed man does not do. The slightest deviation from spiritual righteousness will bring failure, danger, and will ultimately lead to destruction. God has given us a perfect standard, and He is able to bring us up to it. Let us not try to lower it to accommodate God's Will to ours, but let us line up to His Word.

Jesus said:

Matthew 5:17: Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Stand in the way of sinners.

How far can I go to the world and still be a Christian? Many of you have asked yourself this question, and you are already slipping right now. There may not be any sin you are indulging in at present, but you are on a slippery toboggan



slide, because you are looking backwards. Remember what Jesus said in:

Luke 9:62: And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

If you keep company with sinners, you are going down, your back is turning on Jesus, and you are standing where the non-Christians congregate. The theatre and T.V. are the world's church. The stuff they provide is for the ungodly and sinners to eat and live on. It does not matter who you are; if you compromise with the devil, he just about has you, if he doesn't already. When a Christian stands in a compromising place, it will not be long before he slips into sin.



A young fellow preparing for the ministry was greeting the members of the congregation at the close of a service. A nice looking woman came up, shook hands with him, and looked up into his face. He held her hand too long to please me. When we got to the door, I brought it to his attention. *“Why, I never thought anything like that”*. *“But”*, said I, *“I am an older man than you are, and if you don’t want to slip into sin and lose your place in the ministry, cut that hand-holding business out”*. He said, *“I never meant a thing”*. *“Don’t try to bluff me”*, I replied. *“I know what you are doing”*. *“But”*, he persisted, *“I am as clean as can be from any thought of sin.”*. *“Sure”*, I said, *“but right now, boy, you have grease on your skids, and it will not be long before you slip”*. He is out now – gone. He slipped right into the sin I warned him about.



Do not be asking, *“How close can I come to sin and still be a Christian?”* We have so much of that in our day. Why not say, ***“O God, how deep can I come unto You — how far can I hide in the heart of God and in the power of the Holy Ghost?”***

Some of you are sitting in the seat of the scornful.

In a spiritual meeting, you sit there with a sneer on your face or on your lips. You have no “HALLELUJAHS”, and no “AMENS”, but if someone starts some joke or something funny or colored with a worldly spirit, you are up and coming. When it is something of the world, you are fine; when it is something spiritual, you are sitting in the seat of the scornful. The meetings are too noisy, the singing too loud, the

services too late, you don't like the shouting. So often we see folk get nervous, twisting from side to side, wondering when this part of the meeting is going to be over.

If you live in an refrigerator during the week, you will be awfully uncomfortable in an anointed meeting. I have seen folk make the slickest get away from the meetings. Why? They don't like to be around when God is doing business.



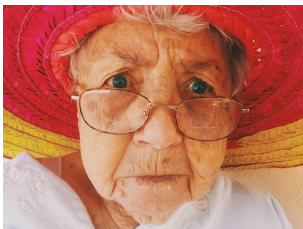
Some time ago I sat on a platform hearing a preacher who was so precise that my lip was curled. The Spirit spoke to me, "*You ought to be praying instead of being critical!*" Criticism kills the Presence of the Spirit and ruins the blessing in your heart. I have never seen anyone sitting in the seat of the scornful get any blessing. Oh, don't ever let your heart get cold, hardened, or critical — it will kill you spiritually.

Walk not in the counsel of the ungodly.

A sister came to me saying, "*Brother, pray for me. My husband does not want me to go the way I have chosen.*" I said, "*Of course, that is quite natural, but you look at it from his side and you cannot expect him to see what you see. You must have no criticism in your heart, nothing but love and piety and loyalty to him. You will have to stand, in sweetness and patience, where God can bless you. Just stand where He tells you to stand, and He will back you up and bring it out all right. Don't get discouraged or impatient, but show your husband that you have Christ and His power dwelling in your heart, and he will soon see.*"

After she got up from her knees, I said, "*It seems to me that you are a little bit wobbly in your spirit*". She thought she was too, for it could be felt that she was wavering in her stance. Finally the crisis came.

She didn't want to go to the theatre and had bravely stood out for Jesus, but one night her husband said, "*There is a dandy show on tonight, a good clean show. I am going to take the boy, and if you don't want to go along, all right, but I think a woman ought to go with her husband when he asks her*". Both her mother and his were living with them, and they told her a thing or two until finally she said, "*I'll go with you.*"



In a few minutes she was dressed and walked out on the street with her husband and boy. Her husband started walking away from the town instead of toward the Theatre. She asked, "*Why are you going this way?*" He said, "*I don't want to go to the picture show.*" "*What did you come out for?*" she asked.

“God”, he cried out, “The sun has gone out, and every hope I ever had. I thought that there was something with this Jesus business, and whether you had something worthwhile. If you had stuck it out tonight, finally I should have come through. I was wondering how long you would keep up.”

Discouraged? Of course she was, and utterly disgusted with herself. It drove her back to God as it should have done but, oh, what a blessed result would have followed if she only stuck fast and had not walked in the counsel of the ungodly.



The very person that you think is the most unlikely is watching you and will follow in your steps. The world sees Christians wobble and says, “They are all hypocrites.” It is our business to be Spirit-filled.

Ephesians 5:18: And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Before I got filled and possessed with the Holy Spirit, I thought I had some good sense; but when the Spirit comes, we find that we have very little. When He takes control, I find He does so much the better job of guiding me. God never made us to be self-reliant and self-sufficient. That is where Eve fell — that independent spirit was not broken. So many preachers are educated around the idea of thinking what they can do. They are so polished that they have forgotten Jesus and their dependence on the Spirit. They have not learned the all-important lesson of entire dependence upon Him.

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How do we get this way? Don't follow the counsel of the ungodly. What? I don't care to live with nor talk to them. Talk to sinners, yes, but lots of ungodly people in the church are swallowing hook, line, and sinker those who call themselves Christians, but who depend upon their own natural powers and knowledge instead of looking to God.

The ungodly depend upon themselves; the Godly depend upon the Lord. The ungodly man gets mad at these folks who have to pray about everything. They hate praying folks. If your dependence is on Jesus, you are Godly. If your trust is in some other place, you still need a real change in your heart.

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Psalms 1:2: But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His Law doth he meditate day and night.

Romans 8:2-3:

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Some obey the law because they feel they must, but the saint of God obeys because he wants to and loves to. The service which we render without the heart's full consent is not righteous service. Only that which springs from the depths of the heart pleases God. God wants to make us so pure that we will love right and hate wrong.

Psalms 40:8: I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.

Nothing but old-time religion — salvation through Christ — can give this spirit. Trying to imitate the Christian life is what many are trying to do.

Look at a rose. A painter takes his brushes and he tries to copy it. He makes a beautiful imitation, but there is no fragrance, no life. It is dead. Trying to imitate a Christian is but to fall. There is no joy in trying to be something we are not. Jesus alone can reproduce His life in us, and He comes to take full charge only when we make full surrender. Then it becomes a life of purity, love, peace, righteousness, and delight. That is when he is called 'BLESSED', because he is a happy person.

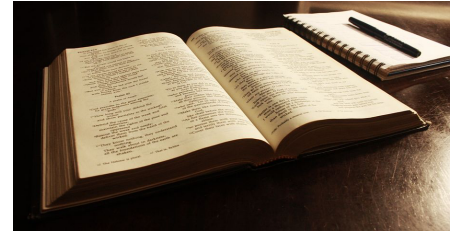
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Are you in this blessed class? A charmed life it is. It is not easy to discover the source of a saint's power — they are supernaturally aided. God gets glory from this life. The lives He can bless are those that will bless His Name. Christians have no right to be like other people — like the world, failures, weak — because God is our strength.

Psalms 46:1: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Being daily crucified and daily anointed is far better than daily improving our personality and polishing our brain.

People recognize when God is with certain men and not with others. The Gospel is willing to be with anybody that will pay the price. God will not build up a church until there is a group of cleaned up, prayed up, consecrated, trusting followers of The Lamb. The world is looking for good mixers. God is for separators. Great power doesn't come from mixing, it comes with being shut in with God, meditating day and night in the Law of the Lord.



There is a place in Jesus where life is filled with a glorious victory. This ought to be known by all Christians. God brings us to a crisis hour, showing us we cannot possibly live this life in ourselves or in the realm of our own self-efforts, but only by faith in the ability of Jesus to live His life in us. No amount of education, refinement, or willpower can produce this victory. Paul said, "*We have no confidence in the flesh*".

Philippians 3:3: For we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

If we have confidence in ourselves, it is the reason why we have no victory in Him. Only constant defeat comes out of a heart that is not sanctified by the Holy Spirit. God says we are absolutely undone.



Isaiah 6:5: Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Hosts.

But many try to camouflage or cover up their old self. God alone knows what is underneath and declares:

Romans 8:7: Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

You cannot live with a carnal mind in the realm of the Spirit. You cannot live this blessed life in yourself.

Settle down in Jesus and let Him do the running of your life. God wants to show you that His Son paid the fare. Let Him do His work. Only when we get disgusted with the old self and failure will we at last throw our old self on the Cross with Jesus. Then the delight begins in the Law of the Lord, and then in His Spirit.

If I gave a book on automobiles to you ladies, most of you would probably find it dull. If I gave it to a mechanic, he would be delighted. How much delight does a sinner get from the Bible? NONE! How much delight does a backslider get? NONE! Now you know where you are at. Is the Bible a delight to you? You have been saying, “*I ought to read it*”, “*I ought to go to a prayer meeting*”. This “*ought to*” business is a terrible racket, and the worst conception of a Christian the world can ever be confronted with.

Are you delighted with Jesus? Then you will be delighted with His Word. This is God’s proof of where you are. Those of you who come to church acting pious and trying to perform religious vows are disgusting to Him because you are doing it only out of duty.



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Colossians 3:4: When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

Has God transplanted you yet? Are you transplanted by rivers of water? When you get strong enough that not every wind of doctrine and temptation can weaken you, God will note how you are growing stronger and more steadfast, and He will plant you.

Luke 6:48: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

When winds blow and trouble comes, he will seek comfort in the Word and in Christ, Who is the Living Word. The weak seek help from just any sympathizer, looking for pity, and petting, and consolation from broken reeds called mortals. This kind becomes more double-minded and unstable in all their ways. One big puff of the

devil's wind and they topple;

Matthew 7:24-27:

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

A sinner is not double-minded; he is actually single-minded. He is not bothering about God, but having his own way serving the devil. Christians are the only ones who can be double-minded when trying to serve God and the flesh at the same time.



God has provided all that is needed for our going right on, constantly appropriating what has been purchased for us on Calvary so that we can have continual victory. After Pentecost, the cause of double minds ended.

Acts 2:46: And they, continuing daily with one accord in the Temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

The double-minded Christians today are pretty good on Sunday, and pretty wobbly during the week. They have dark days when they are under condemnation. Such do not know that Jesus has done a full work on Calvary and does more in us of what He did at Calvary as we yield to Him. He purchased overcoming power that is greater than all the power of the devil.

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The reason why more people are not converted through our efforts is because of our lack of victory. This is caused by the tolerating and nursing of that old carnal nature, called the flesh, which God hates as it is a devilish thing. It does not let the spiritual life grow. It chokes it with pride, selfishness, covetousness, and envy growing in the heart. It wars against the Spirit — the new creation that Jesus Christ has implanted within. God never intended the old nature to be victorious, but the new nature. Which is winning in you? Your answer determines whether you will be

planted or just set out. Are you going to walk as the world walks, or to please God and live the blessed life like Enoch did?

Genesis 5:24a: And Enoch walked with God:

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The characteristics of a planted life are:

- **submission to Jesus**
- **submission to those over you in the Lord**
- **a willingness to give up your own way and will to Christ Jesus**

He is now Lord as well as Savior. He is boss and has first place. Only then are we good soldiers of the Cross and the Lamb. Jesus has given some of us 1,000 orders and we haven't moved yet.

What would you think of U.S. Army soldiers who would say, "*I don't feel like going because I'm tired*"? Why, that kind of stuff would land you in the guard house. When Jesus calls you to surrender or to service, you say, "*I don't feel like going to the altar when the call is made.*" God pity us, it's a stench in God's nostrils. Christ asked nothing for Self but gave His all for us to be free. I hope if you see yourself in such an awful light that you will despise yourself forever. You will never get anywhere with Jesus until you die to self. No one dies to self until he sees that his OLD MAN nature is robbing him of God's blessings.



The second characteristic of a planted life is a stick-to-it-ivness.

Men go to college for years to get a degree or a diploma; yet when Jesus wants to take us through the course of death that we may be purged out and fit for His fullness, how few are willing to pay the price of complete surrender. Why are we failures? Why do we have so few victories? The answer is, we draw back and shrink from giving our all to God.

The third characteristic of a planted life is a delight to meditate in the Word day

and night.

We must allow the Word to sink deep into our hearts. It is not a case of hop, skip, or jump. When God gets a man to meditate in His Word, He is sure to show him as much of the truth as there is a capacity for.

Mark 4:33: And with many such Parables spake He the Word unto them, as they were able to hear it.

John 16:12: I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.



He will show the things in one's life preventing him from being at his best for God. God will show all he has to do to maintain His fellowship by walking in the light.

The fourth characteristic is a life of communion.

It is delightful to be in the company of Spirit-filled people. They catch the least thing He wants to say, however gently, and with joy they instantly obey. He doesn't have to knock and then knock again. They catch it in a minute. The world may not know He is talking to you at all, but He will come right in an instant and shut your mouth when you were going to say something about somebody not pleasing to Him. If you transgress, you'll feel bad and have to ask forgiveness right away.

If you are in love with Jesus, you will hunt ways of pleasing Him. What shall I do to bless Thee and Thy work? The answer is: meditate day and night in Thy Word. This tree planted . . . Where? Not in a desert. This tree is planted by the rivers of water. Hallelujah! Jesus said "**rivers of living water**" in talking about the Holy Spirit. Why rivers? Out of His belly shall flow love, joy, peace — all these are rivers with different spiritual flavors.



Some here have such small rivers that we would have to call them creeks. Their creeks make so much noise that they think they are a Niagara — but they are not. Their creeks are noisy due to a great deal of quarreling, temper, disputing, and contentions with no evidence of the sweetness of the Spirit.

The Spirit-filled person is love-rooted and grounded. His joy, too, is full like a river. His peace passes all understanding. He is kind and long-suffering.

There is no such thing as fruitfulness in a Christian life apart from the Baptism of the Spirit. Fruit is not produced by human effort. A great deal of teaching today states that the Spirit comes upon a person only for service to preach or teach in some special way.



On the day of Pentecost nearly 120 were filled. God intends *everyone* to be filled and to be conscious of His Presence.

In order to bring forth fruit in season, we must be under the anointing. Trying to live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit is like dressing a baby and buying it shoes before it is born. Life comes first, then God intends His Church to be equipped from Heaven — not from earth. He purposes that the Holy Ghost is the equiper. God wants you to be filled with Himself because He loves you. He does not want you pulling your load like a horse. The Lord says:

Matthew 11:29: Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me, for I am meek and lonely in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

We are sustained by prayer and by waiting upon Him. What it takes to get the blessing, it takes to keep the blessing.

We realize the enemy is coming in like a flood with worldly entertainment, amusements, destructive criticism, social service, and social gospel. It takes the Lord to work through His Spirit to raise up standards against the enemy.

Isaiah 59:19: So shall they fear the Name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

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Isaiah 44:3: For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring:

This is how the rivers get started. God wants to plant you by one of His rivers. What does this mean? Simply be a Spirit-filled believer whose fountain has not gotten all clogged up with self and worldly pleasures or sinful living. When a tree tries to produce its own fruit, then an axe or saw can use itself and cut down a tree. We

must depend upon the Holy Spirit. A tree waits upon our Father for sun and rain, and depends upon the ground for nourishment. So much are we dependent on the Spirit. It is not money, prestige, blood, or anything else but through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The working man, poor man, or drunk will pass our church and not despise but love the place. Sinners think we go around and select certain kinds of people and put them into the church. They see them selected, and think the church is like a lodge with a man running it. They see positions, rewards, and the work of God as man-made. The Holy Ghost works and puts all on the same level. Then God can use us by pouring through us divine love and compassion for every sin-polluted soul.



We meet many Christians doing a noisy work who think they are working with the Spirit, when actually they are working against Him. They remind me of the little tot in the parlor with wool yarn wrapped around her from head to foot. “*What are you doing?*” I asked. “*Me help Paudy with her sweatey,*” she said. “*Yes you have helped Pauline with her sweater. You have pulled half of her work out!*” She sat there quite happy thinking she was helping. I could not punish a baby like that, for she thought she was working. Maybe, but not constructively.

The Lord has a plan, a Spirit, a work, and a program. When you are yielded, He can fit you in — but not until you are broken and your own plans are given up — or you will never bring forth His fruit in His season. You will be trying to have springtime in December, planting radishes in a snowbank and calling it work. Get your fingers out of God’s machinery (and especially your tongue), and let us cooperate with God and not operate without Him.

Many of us are like the poor ragged boy outside the bakery window with his nose pushed up to the window. What he saw was mouth watering, but he hadn’t the where-with-all to get some. Jesus said,



Revelation 3:18: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Isaiah 55:1-2:

1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Planted in the land of Canaan is where God wants all His saints.

“His leaf also shall not wither”

So often we find Christians that are living in a desert. The soil is rich, but there is no water or the Spirit. We will find only sagebrush and cactus growing in their souls. The soil is barren.

Because the Presence of Jesus doesn't abound in your soul, you are so wrapped up in yourself that you are no help to the church of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is frequently typified in the Word as water, which so many of you need. There is no substitute for Holy Ghost baptism. Jesus said, *“The water that I shall give him shall be in him, a well of water springing up into everlasting life”.* (John 4:14)



John 4:14: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Oh! How I love that thought! “Springing up” — no pumping business there, no carrying in buckets or barrels, no stagnant water here. This kind is fresh flowing, cool and refreshing.

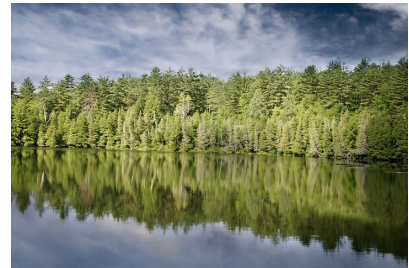
There is a crisis hour in the Christian life when you are no longer contented to walk as a carnal Christian. The Word has blown away all self-defense and the flesh is revealed. Now you are determined to walk in the Spirit. It is that hour when God shows you yourself as you have never seen yourself before. Here is when you will see the putrid pride of your life, the horrible selfishness of your interests, the miserable self — seeking, the hateful ambitions for self-glory, the awfulness of this driving wiggling thing that has wormed its way down through the years. It is called carnality, and it is deceitful, blinding our hearts and minds to our true condition. Yes in that hour when the Holy Spirit reveals to you



the rottenness of your self-nature, you'll cry out like Paul:

Romans 7:24: O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

You will be calling for someone who can help you, knowing you cannot do it yourself. This is the crisis time of receiving His fullness as you empty of yours. Then your leaf shall not wither. Why? The water of life is the Spirit. Water is the conveyor of the elements that are necessary to the life of a tree. Water mixes with the elements and minerals of the soil, pulls them up from the soil through the fine little roots of the tree, up the trunk, and out into the branches to the leaves. Water must be there. Just so, the Lord takes the Word with the Spirit mixed together and brings the nourishment up into our lives.



It is this way we become partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. That lust is the lust for power, prestige, pleasure, self-satisfaction. All these things choke the life of the Spirit out of our lives.

How we lack, how we suffer, how our leaf withers because the Spirit is not allowed to be flowing with divine refreshers. God will not mix His Spirit with the flesh and self. The reason so few Christians amount to any thing today is that they are shallow. Their roots do not run down deep into the Word of God, and the Water of the Spirit is not flowing. Then you will learn the difference between the Lord's testing and chastening, and the attacks of satan. In either case, it is to drive us to Jesus.

Peter, with a self-confident heart, followed Jesus afar off to Pilate's Judgment Hall.



He sat and warmed himself at the world's fire, openly denied that he even knew Jesus, much less that he was one of Christ's disciples. This is what carnality does to us. God oftentimes uses the devil's children to guide us into confessing where we are truly living inwardly. So the maids and servants fired at Peter who was at the fire. But, later on, Jesus restored him and set him on fire at Pentecost.

Are you ready for Jesus to fill you? Are you ready for Him to crucify the self-life? Are you hungry for the Spirit-filled blessed life? Then come, and Jesus will bless you.

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