

THE PSALMS

BOOK ONE

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked
1 Blessed is the man¹
who² walks not in³ the counsel of the

6 "As for me, I have⁷ set my King
on⁸ Zion, my⁹ holy hill."

4 I⁵ cried aloud to the LORD,
and he⁶ answered me from his⁷ holy
hill. 495

MUSING ON GOD'S MUSIC

AN 8-WEEK STUDY ON HOW THE PSALMS FIT TOGETHER

2 nor stands in³ the way of sinners,
nor⁴ sits in⁵ the seat of scoffers;
but his⁶ delight is in the LORD,
and he will prosper in his way.
3 He is like⁴ a tree
planted by⁵ streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its⁶ leaf does not wither.
4 In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
but are like⁵ chaff that the wind
drives away.

7 I will tell of the deeds of the LORD
The LORD said to me, "You are my
father, and I will be your father,
and your inheritance, the nations
and the ends of the earth your
possession."
9 You shall¹⁰ break them with a rod,
and crush them like¹¹ a potter's
clay.

5 I⁶ lay down and wept,
I⁷ wept for the LORD sustained
me.
6 I will not boast in many thousands
of people
who have⁷ set themselves against me
all around.

8 In peace I will both⁹ lie down
and for you alone, O LORD, make
my¹⁰ dwelling in safety.

Lead Me in Your Righteousness
5 TO THE CHOIRMASTER: FOR THE FLUTE
A PSALM OF DAVID.

5 Therefore the wicked⁶ will not stand in
the judgment,
nor sinners in⁷ the congregation of
the righteous;
6 for the LORD⁷ knows⁸ the way of the
righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with¹² fear,
and rejoice with¹³ trembling.
12 Kiss¹³ the Son of God,
lest he¹⁴ be angry, and you perish in the
wrath,
for his¹⁵ wrath is quickly kindled.
13 Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

7 "Arise, O LORD!
Save me, O my God!
For you⁸ strike all my enemies on the
cheek;
you⁹ break the teeth of the wicked.
8 Salvation belongs⁹ to the LORD;
he¹⁰ will save you on your people! Selah

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my² groaning.
2 Give attention to the sound of my
cry, O LORD, for³ to you do I pray.
3 O LORD, in⁴ the morning you hear my
voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice to
you⁵ and⁶ watch.

The Reign of the LORD's Anointed
2 "Why do³ the nations rage⁴
and the peoples plot in vain?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his
Anointed, saying,
3 "Let us⁴ burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

Save Me, O My God
3 A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM
ABSALOM HIS SON.

1 O LORD,² how many are my foes!
Many are³ rising against me;
2 many are saying of my soul,
"There is no salvation for him in God."
3 But you, O LORD, are⁴ a shield⁵ about me,
my glory, and⁶ the lifter of my head.
Selah

Answer Me When I Call
4 TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED
INSTRUMENTS. A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my
righteousness!
You have² given me relief when I was
in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my
prayer!
2 O men,³ how long shall my honor be
turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words
and seek after⁴ lies?
3 But know that the LORD has
taken⁵ the godly for his⁶ prey.
Selah

4 For you are not a God who delights in
wickedness;
5 The⁶ boastful shall not⁷ stand before
your eyes;
6 You destroy those who speak⁷ lies;
the LORD abhors⁸ the bloodthirsty
and deceitful man.

7 But I, through the abundance of your
steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will⁸ bow down⁹ toward your
temple
in the




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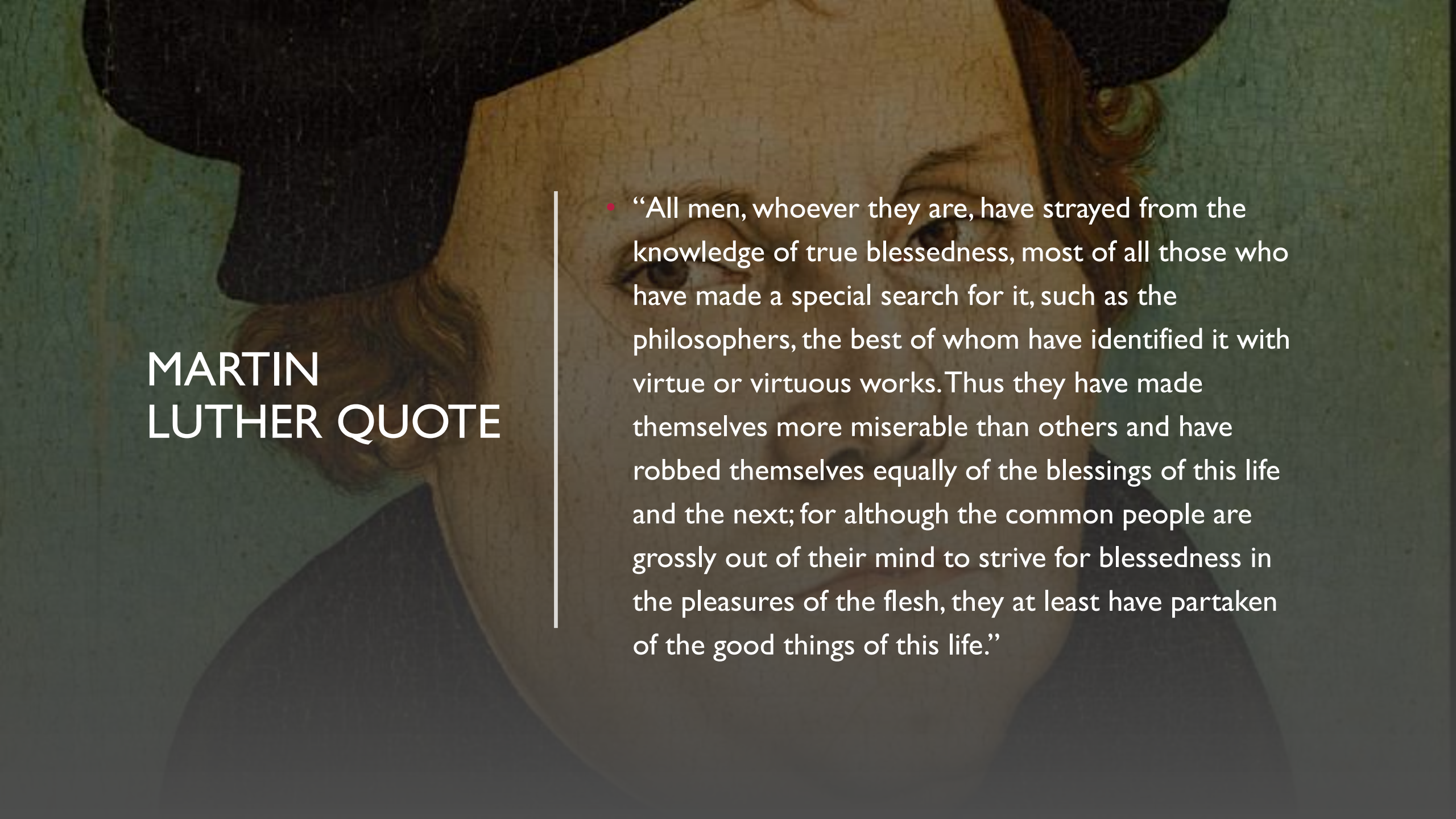


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ROOTED IN BLESSING

- Col 3:16 let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly
- Deuteronomy 30:16, “I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgements”
- 19 “I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse.”

A portrait of Martin Luther, showing his face and dark hair, set against a dark background. The image is partially obscured by text and a vertical line.

MARTIN LUTHER QUOTE

- “All men, whoever they are, have strayed from the knowledge of true blessedness, most of all those who have made a special search for it, such as the philosophers, the best of whom have identified it with virtue or virtuous works. Thus they have made themselves more miserable than others and have robbed themselves equally of the blessings of this life and the next; for although the common people are grossly out of their mind to strive for blessedness in the pleasures of the flesh, they at least have partaken of the good things of this life.”



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1 CHRONICLES 17: 7-14

- “Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people Israel, and I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall waste them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I declare to you that the LORD will build you a house. When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.”

IMPORTANT POINTS

1. The Hebrew word for “plot” in Psalm 2:1 is the exact same term as the word “meditates” in Psalm 1:2, this idea of musing on something, something that forms and shapes your imagination.
2. The ungodly image of the good life is a life of prosperity apart from God, with explicit rejection of his rule, because they imagine that rule to be oppressive.
3. The fundamental principles of blessedness first introduced to us in Psalms 1 and 2 are developed thematically throughout all 150 psalms:
 - (1) The Lord reigns
 - (2) The Lord has determined the destiny of the wicked and the righteous.
 - (3) Take refuge in the Lord.
4. God’s intent to bless man by giving him rule over all things under his ultimate rule did not end with Adam’s failure. God still intends to bless humankind through the mediatorial rule of an Anointed One, and this is a critical element of a proper image of blessedness.
5. David’s hymn of thanks in 1 Chronicles 16, along with God’s covenant in 1 Chronicles 17, are very important in the Book of Psalms.
6. The specific connection between God’s Anointed One and delighting in his Law is also key to the overarching image of blessedness the psalms portray.
7. The connection between the Anointed One’s rule and Yahweh’s rule is critical for understanding the canonical flow of the psalms, and indeed, the progress of redemptive history.



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