

**“Making 2010 a Year of Blessing” 12/27/09**

**Psalm 1:1-6**

**Blessing- being in a state of true happiness! (Protection, provision, fruit of the Spirit, maturity of faith- James 1:2-12; Job 2:10)**

*“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.” (Deuteronomy 30:19)*

**POINT 1-** Our favor relies on us seeing the way of blessing DESCRIBED

- A. The description of the blessed is no entanglements with the WICKED  
(John 17:11-17; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Cor 15:33; 2 Cor 6:14-15)

*“The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.” (Proverbs 12:26)*

- B. The description of the blessed is a love for the WORD

We should crave and prefer God’s Word more than:

Food- Psalm 119:103; Job 23:12; Jer 15:17; Matt 4:4; 1 Peter 2:2; John 4:32-34

Sleep- Psalm 119:55, 62, 147-148, 164

Other people- Psalm 119:23; 51; 95; 119; Riches- Psalm 19:10-11

***Going*** God wants you to be blessed through your actions and meditations!  
***Deeper***

**POINT 2-** Our favor relies on us seeing the way of blessing CONTRASTED

- A. The contrast is made clear by the fruit of those who are OBEDIENT  
(Jeremiah 17:7-8; Proverbs 3:18; 3:1-6; Psalm 19:7-9; Matt 7:24-26)

- B. The contrast is made clear by the fruit of those who are DISOBEDIENT  
(Malachi 4:1; Matthew 3:7-12; Matt 7:26-27; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10)

***Going*** God wants you to be blessed through knowing His Judgment!  
***Deeper***

**POINT 3-** Our favor relies on us seeing the way of blessing SECURED

- A. The security of God’s judgment should stir us to follow HIM  
(Matt 7:21-23; 1 Corinthians 11:32; Romans 8:28-39; Matt 7:21-29)

2 Measures of Judgment (7:1-6); 2 kinds of givers (7:7-11); 2 witnesses to the golden rule (7:12); 2 kinds of religion or ways of life (false way and true way... only two. This means all other religions are false) 7:13-14; 2 kinds of teachers (sheep and wolves dressed as sheep) 7:15; 2 Kinds of fruit (7:16); 2 kinds of trees (good and bad) 7:17-20; 2 Kinds of people who profess to know Jesus... the obedient and disobedient (Matt 7:21-23); 2 Kinds of builders (7:24-27); 2 Kinds of Teachers (7:29-29) Jesus who taught with authority and the other Torah teachers who did not.

***Going*** God wants you to be blessed through following the right WAY!  
***Deeper***