

Psalms 1:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Analysis

The positive counterpart to verse 1, this verse reveals that true blessedness flows from delighting in God's torah (law/instruction). The Hebrew 'hagah' (meditate) originally meant to murmur or mutter, suggesting audible repetition and deep internalization of Scripture. Day and night meditation indicates constant engagement with God's Word, not legalistic obligation but genuine pleasure, echoing Joshua 1:8 and anticipating Christ's teaching about abiding in His word (John 15:7).

Historical Context

The emphasis on 'the law of the LORD' reflects Israel's covenant identity as a people defined by God's written revelation. This psalm would have been used in temple worship to instruct worshipers in the path of wisdom.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. Do you genuinely delight in Scripture, or is it primarily a duty? What might shift your heart toward delight?
2. How could you incorporate more consistent meditation on God's Word into your daily rhythm?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	וּבְתוֹכָהּ	וְאֵלֶּיךָ	וּבְתוֹכָהּ	וְאֵלֶּיךָ	וּבְתוֹכָהּ
H3588	H518	and in his law	of the LORD	But his delight	and in his law
		H8451	H3068	H2656	H8451
וְהָיָה	יִמְּךָ	לַלַּיְלָה:			
doth he meditate	day	and night			
H1897	H3119	H3915			

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 1:8 (Word): This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalms 119:92 (Word): Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

Psalms 119:11 (Word): Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Romans 7:22 (Word): For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Jeremiah 15:16 (Word): Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Psalms 119:35 (Word): Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Psalms 112:1 (Word): Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Psalms 104:34 (References Lord): My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Psalms 40:8 (Word): I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Psalms 119:1 (Word): Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

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