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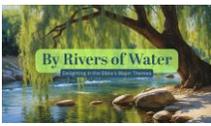
By Rivers of Water

Delighting in the Bible's Major Themes



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STUDY INTRODUCTION

If a person is going to grow in any field, there are things that one must become intimately familiar. For a Christian, this involves getting to know the Lord. Because He is an invisible God (1 Timothy 1:17), He has revealed Himself to us in different ways. The most clearly seen way is through His amazing Word, which we call the Bible (Romans 10:17).

As we turn through the Bible, we will discover many of the major themes God has shared with us. These themes are not to be understood only in an academic sense, but they are to primarily fill the heart, helping us to grow closer to God in a real relationship! These subjects are not a stagnant pond, but they are an ever-flowing expression of God's grace to us by which we may prosper in Him (Psalm 1). Among those expressions pointing to God, we find:

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| 1) God's Blessing | 13) God's Truth about Himself (Theology) |
| 2) God's Creation | 14) God's Truth about the Future (Prophecy/Eschatology) |
| 3) God's Plan in Motion | 15) God's Truth about Mankind (Anthropology) |
| 4) God's People: Their Patriarchs | 16) God's Truth about Salvation (Soteriology) |
| 5) God's People: Their Land | 17) God's Truth about Angels (Angelology) |
| 6) God's People: Their Worship | 18) God's Truth about His Book (Bibliology) |
| 7) God's People: Their Judges | |
| 8) God's People: Their Kings | |
| 9) God's People: Their Prophets | |
| 10) God's People: Their Poetry | |
| 11) God's Man: Jesus Christ | |
| 12) God's Added People: The Church | |

Are you ready to see how God reveals Himself to us?

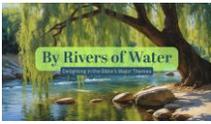
LESSON ONE: GOD'S BLESSING

Psalm 1

We begin our study on a river bank. It is from this vantage point that we will begin noticing the other expressions of God soon. We must, however, first, understand one of the clearest reasons and results that encourages us to search for Him. What draws us to want to know God, and how can we "see" Him? It is the blessing—heavenly happiness—God provides.

I. THE CONTRAST—PSALM 1:1-2

- A. The _____ person:
1. Walks with the _____—Jude 18



2. Stands with the _____—Proverbs 1:10
 3. Sits as a _____—Psalm 119:158; Proverbs 1:22; 13:1; 14:6; 15:12
- B. The _____ person:
1. Walks with the _____—Proverbs 1:10; 2:20
 2. Stands with the _____—Proverbs 23:10; Luke 18:13
 3. Sits with the _____—Psalm 25:8; 37:4; 40:8; 51:

II. THE COMMITMENT—PSALM 1:2

- A. He _____ the Bible—1 Peter 2:2
- B. He _____ into the Bible—2 Timothy 2:15
- C. He _____ out of the Bible—Psalm 119:162; Proverbs 2:4

III. THE CONVICTION—PSALM 1:3

What does the blessed person have faith about that encourages him to keep watching for God to express Himself through His Word?

- A. A blessed person is _____—Colossians 2:7
- B. A blessed person is _____—2 Peter 3:18
- C. A blessed person is _____—Proverbs 11:30; John 15:8; Galatians 5:22-23

IV. THE CALIBRATION—PSALM 1:4-6

In the end, each path will ultimately glorify God through His justice or justification, but only one path is the way of blessing. Which will you choose to follow? Proverbs 22:3

- A. The ungodly way _____—Psalm 104:35; Proverbs 10:7, 24, 25; Hosea 14:9; James 1:15
- B. The godly way _____—Psalm 37:29; 67:17; Matthew 6:19-20; Revelation 22:5

CONCLUSION

Will you seek the blessed expressions of God in _____? Hebrews 7:19