

UNLOCKING GOD'S WORD

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION and THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. INTRODUCTION:

PSALM 1:1-3 (NIV) *'BLESSED is one who does not WALK IN STEP (counsel) with the wicked or STAND in the way (path) that sinners take or SIT in the company (assembly) of mockers,*

...but whose DELIGHT is in the law of the Lord, and who MEDITATES on His law day and night. That person is like a tree (firmly) PLANTED by streams of water, which YIELDS its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do PROSPERS.'

- What does the word BLESSED mean?

DEFINITION: **'Esher'** (eh-sheer) ...Happiness, blessedness

From the root word 'Ashar' (a-shar) ...To go straight, walk, go on, advance, make progress,
...to set right

WHO DOES NOT:

- WALK IN STEP
- STAND
- SIT

There's a degenerative progression represented here:

1. Wicked (Casting off the fear of God)
2. Sinners (Open rebellion against God)
3. Mockers (Openly defy all that is sacred, scoff at religion, make jest of sin)

BUT

- DELIGHT

- MEDITATE

DEFINITION: **'hagah'** (ha-ga) ...to meditate, muse, imagine, study

- PLANTED

- YIELDS

- PROSPER

DEFINITION: **'tsalach'** (tsa-lakh) ...to rush, advance, make progress, succeed
Be profitable

There's a regenerative progression here:

1. Firmly planted by streams
2. Yielding fruit in season
3. Prospers

How do we find our way to this place of prosperity as God's children?

B. THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN UNLOCKING GOD'S WORD:

A PARTNERSHIP with the Holy Spirit (The Holy Spirit's Part)

1. The Spirit our HELPER (from JOHN 14)

JOHN 14:16 (NIV) *'And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to HELP you and be with you forever...'*

JOHN 14:26 (NIV) *'...but the ADVOCATE (counsellor), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will TEACH you all things and will REMIND you of everything I have said to You.'*

- ADVOCATE

DEFINITION: **'parakletos'** (pa-ra-kla-tos) ...helper, summoned, called to one's side (aid)

- TEACH
- REMIND

2. The SPIRIT of WISDOM & REVELATION

EPHESIANS 1:17 (NIV) *'I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the SPIRIT OF WISDOM and REVELATION, so that you may KNOW HIM BETTER.'*

- WISDOM
- REVELATION

MATTHEW 4:4 (NIV) *'Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every WORD that comes from the mouth of God.'*

- Every WORD

DEFINITION: **'rhema'** (rha-ma) ...that which has been uttered by the LIVING voice, a thing spoken
...the revealed word of God (as an utterance from God to the heart of the receiver)

As opposed to 'logos' word(s),

JOHN 1:1 (NIV) *'In the beginning was the WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.'*

MATTHEW 7:24 (NIV) *'Therefore, everyone who hears these WORDS of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon the rock.'*

- WORD (words)

DEFINITION: **'logos'** (lo-gos) ...a word, doctrine, teaching, a narration, narrative, Word of God
...Jesus

The need for us to feed on (expose ourselves to) the 'logos' word
...so that God can bring a 'rhema' word to us

3. The SPIRIT of TRUTH

JOHN 16:13 (NIV) *'But when he, the Spirit of TRUTH, comes, he will GUIDE you into all the truth.'*

- TRUTH
- GUIDE

HOMEWORK:

READ: 1 Corinthians 2

Q. What do we learn from this passage about the role the Holy Spirit?