



Fireproof Your Life
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Lesson Two: Pages 23-31, Fireproof Your Life (Michael Catt)

Summary Thought of Lesson: I want to be a person that God might want to write about – a thousand years from now that someone might read about – fireproof your life

The common thread of the book is that some Christians become “casualties.” They start the Christian life and give it up or they fall into sin and compromise their faith. We can fireproof ourselves through the word of God. A Scripture that we can use to fireproof our lives is Psalm 1.

Psalm 1 is the first song of the Jewish hymnal and sets the tone – concern for God, godly living, and the blessings of the godly. Contrasts two lifestyles: the righteous and the wicked - the blessed and the cursed.

Psalm 1:1-2 – We are blessed by what we do not do: a) walk in the counsel of the wicked – make decisions based on our worldview; b) stand in the way of sinners – commitments to a negative life; c) sit in the seat of mockers – a negative attitude of heart –blame. But the blessed man or woman: a) delights in the law of the Lord, 2) meditates on the law day and night.

Psalm 1:3-5 – Happiness of the godly likened to a tree – tree is a metaphor for wisdom – planted in streams of water – Christ. The one who delights in the law of the Lord is like a tree – three things: a) yields its fruit in season – fruit external evidence of an internal life; b) leaves do not wither – dry leaves equals dry roots; c) whatever they do prospers – does not necessarily refer to material blessings – God’s blessing to their words and their works.

Psalm 1:5 -- The wicked are not rooted deeply – they are like chaff that the wind blows away – the wicked have no future. They cannot stand the judgment of God and are therefore alienated from the righteous –they will not stand in the judgment day nor can they stand in the assembly of the righteous.

Psalm 1:6 The Lord knows and watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. God knows the affairs of people, but the righteous have a personal relationship with God in that God will protect them and reward them. Know is the same word for intimacy in a marriage relationship.

Summary: There is a way of the righteous and a way of the wicked. The righteous have God’s love and protection; the wicked are on their own.

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