

2. Our Message: This Psalm prescribes a very beautiful and precise order for living. So:

- a. Trust and Do
- b. Delight and Receive
- c. Rest and wait
- d. Cease and Forsake.

3. Some observations:

- a. The Psalms often touch on these themes and some of the same problems occur in Psalm 73. But in this writing David is totally positive. He is not perplexed and does not leave much room for perplexments.

- b. Note what the Lord will do for those who are His:

- (1) He feeds, v. 3
- (2) Grants desires of the heart, v. 4
- (3) Brings to pass the way of His own, v. 5
- (4) Reveals the righteousness of the saint, v. 6
- (5) Preserves His own from shame v., 19
- (6) Orders His steps, v. 23
- (7) Upholds His own, v. 24
- (8) Secures his steps, v. 31
- (9) Provides strength in time of trial, v. 40

This is just a summary in short order. All of these could receive considerable elaboration.

- c. But note too that the blessings of the Lord are received by His own as they are willing and agreeable to meet Him on His terms. It is hard to say because in a sense His blessing is sovereign and granted by His will. We in no wise earn it. But we do condition ourselves to enjoy it and to be benefitted in a personal daily way by it. This we must not overlook.

- d. Expressions like "wait on the Lord" (v. 7) have as their main idea, waiting as one who "waits on a table". It is placing yourself in a serviceable position to the one who has the right to give the orders. It is not at all like "waiting on a bus."

- e. The Perfect man of vs. 37 must be compared with the concept the complete man of Colossians 2:10, et al. But as noted earlier, the completeness is that which describes those who are in the Lord.

4. The Practical Lessons:

- a. Don't be overcome by the pretensions of the unbelievers. Whatever they have or claim to have is unworthy to be compared with what is yours in the Lord.