

- vs. 1 ---the occupation of the psalmist is worship
- vs. 2-3---the activity of the psalmist is right behavior,
godliness.
- vs. 4-7--the fellowship of the psalmist is believers
- vs. 8---the duty of the psalmist is to do God's will.

C. Out of it we easily draw a picture of the believer's life that is consistent throughout the Bible:

- the believer is given to worship
- active in righteous works
- involved in a true fellowship
- committed to proper duty.

III. Conclusion: The openness and simplicity of the Psalter should be enough for us to make a constant resort there. There are some hard things in the psalms and there are some psalms that we may not understand. But the burden of the poet is to make us aware of the presence of God and the delight that He has in His people and that His people should have in Him. It is a beautiful picture of life lived in the fullest and best degree.

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An Introductory Note: It is not easy to know why different speakers work with particular subjects at any sort of conference. Certainly they pray and study the Word but sooner or later a decision on the character of ministry has to be made and generally it is not written in the sky. In this series of talks I had recently been disturbed by what I regarded as departures from the Biblical pattern in some areas. Mentioning this to a party involved I was told that our culture would dictate certain things and the Bible would have to be brought into comfortable agreement with them. Bothered by this I took my perplexities to the Bristol Conference and worked on this subject for my own good and for sharing with others. T. Ernest Wilson was the other speaker this week and had very profitable ministry that encouraged