

RAPEL TALK - Dr. Allan A. MacRae, 9/27/54, at Faith Theological Seminary,

.....We notice that the first word in the Psalm is the word, Blessed,
....., and it is interesting that this word is translated blessed 27 times
in the Old Testament, and Happy, 18 times. It is not the ordinary.....2.....
.....distinct verb altogether from that. The actual verb means to go straight,
to henceforth go.....2 $\frac{1}{4}$and it is interesting to see how our transla-
tion wavers between the two2 $\frac{1}{2}$(First part of record is very rough)
It is true that the way of wickedness leads to eternal destruction. But I do
think that we should emphasize that if we are to get joy, if we are to get real
happiness, if we are to get that which we have considered worthwhile.....3.....
the life of happiness and joy, life of true blessedness in the true sense of the
word.....unclear from 1-6.....

Now this man does not walk in the council of the ungodly. It is interesting
that the word here translated 'ungodly' is translated only 8 times 'ungodly' in
the O. T. Of these 8, 6 are in the Psalms. It is translated 'ungodly' 8 times,
'guilty\once, (did wrong)\once, and translated 'wicked' 252 times. In other words,
what the word means is 'wicked.' It is the one whose life is characterized by
that which is contrary to God's will or law. It is the one whose life is charac-
terized by that which is evil and destructive. It would perhaps be clearer then,
and more informative to the Bible as a whole, if it said, "The man that walketh
not in the council of the wicked." But I think the King James translators ~~were~~
here were moved by their feelings for literary style, avoiding the alliteration of
walketh with wicked.7 $\frac{1}{2}$...The word ungodly would fit very well in the context,
but perhaps doesn't bring out the definite stress of the word quite as well as the
way they translated it the 252 times. It is those who are wicked, those who are
~~xxx~~ living lives that are contrary to God's moral law. Blessed is the man that
does not walk in their council. How easy it is to think that you will accomplish
the good purposes by joining in the council of those who are fundamentally, by
co-operating ~~xxx~~ with them, ~~xxxx~~ seeking some good objective, but fitting in
with their council. The Psalmist begins immediately by giving reference to the
council, to the plan, the scheme, the working out of ideas of those who are wicked.