

CHAPEL 1 12/2/58 (1/2)

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...these pieces of paper in your pocket, I would suggest that you put these in your Bible as I read the passages, because they may want to refer back to them and to compare them one with another, or something I may say may impress you, that you'd like to check on, and if you have the paper in your Bible you'd be able to check on it easier. First I would like to read the first three verses of the first Psalm, with particular attention to the third. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. I'll read the third verse again: And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Is this a purely symbolical picture, like if I want to say to one of you, you are a rolling stone like the rock that rolls down the mountainside? I wouldn't be talking of any particular rock and/or any particular mountain. Is this like that? Or is this using something real for a figure? It is using a particular river which someday we shall see as a figure for a situation which exists today. In order to attempt to gain an answer to that question let us turn in our Bibles to the book of Ezekiel, and in Ezekiel let us look at the 47th chapter. Chapter 47, Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house, and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward. As you know the house here is the temple. ...from out of the house eastward, for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward, and behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters, the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters, the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through, the waters were to the loins. Afterward he measured a