



## LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES

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Wednesday 9 April 2014

**TITLE:** *THIRD ENEMY OF FAITH, SCORN*

**TEXT:** *Psalm 1:1-2; 2 Chronicles 36:15-16*

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. **Psalm 1:1-2***

***15** And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. **16** But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy. **2 Chron. 36:15-16***

### INTRODUCTION

The third enemy of faith is quite unusual! It affects many believers unbeknown to them. It has to do with our talk as well as our thoughts, our words and our works, our attitudes and our actions. It is scorn or dishonor and all its various guises. Christians beware!

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. According to Psalm 1:1, in order for us to experience God's blessing, there are **THREE** things we must **NOT** do. What are they?
2. What does it mean to "walk in the counsel of the ungodly"? How does that affect one's faith? Is it possible to be a godly person who walks like the ungodly?
3. What is to "stand in the path of sinners"? How does that affect one's faith? Discuss the contradiction of being a saint who stands in sinners' way.
4. What is to "sit in the seat of the scornful"? How does that affect your faith? Discuss the folly of being a believer who sits in the very seat of scoffers.
5. Furthermore, there are **TWO** things we must **DO** to experience God's blessing in our lives. What are they? (Ps 1:2)
6. How did the spirit of scorn manifest in the Israelites' lives (2 Chron. 36:16)? What was the result of the Israelites' sitting in the seat of the scornful?
7. What must we do today to ensure that we steer clear of the spirit of scorn?