



# Links Players

## History is HIS-story

*Blessed is the man [whose]...delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (Psalm 1:1-2, ESV)*

Suppose for a moment you've qualified for the U.S. Open at The Country Club. You arrive in Brookline, MA. The atmosphere is charged. You have an eerie sense that a picture of Francis Ouimet is staring at you. You look up and see Jordon and Justin strolling to the practice tee. Your instinctive reaction is to ask for an autograph, but you decide against it.

Forty-five minutes from teeing off in a U.S. Open, a million thoughts rush through your mind; not the least of which is the image of blocking your drive over the throngs that line the fairway.

Then, you wake up! What? Wait a minute! This dream was so real. This can't have been a dream. I smelled the freshly mown grass. No, no, no! You are certain you were there!

Like dreams, many stories are fictional. As we all know, what makes for great books simply will not suffice for the rough-and-tumble experiences of "real life." Contrary to those who suggest there is no overarching story (i.e., metanarrative), Scripture claims to be the self-attesting, true story of the world.

The psalmist in the text above is not imagining a make-believe world. He is meditating on the "law of the Lord." Here "law" means "narrative or story." In other words, he is delighting in the God's story. This story makes sense of life.

This is unimaginably "good news." One reason this story is such good news is because that unrelenting, internal longing for meaning that you find in your chest cavity has real objective answers. As Andrew Ollerton writes, "In order to make sense of life, we need to inhabit a narrative that gives life meaning."

Various world religions express contradictory stories. Philosophical paradigms tell ever-changing stories about reality. According to Scientism, humanity is a cosmic accident living in a world without objective meaning or design.

Contrary to all these man-made stories offered in the marketplace of ideas, Scripture tells a radically different story. When David looks to the starry skies and asks, "What is man that God is mindful of him," it is noteworthy where he finds the answer.

David does not look within his own heart. David doesn't find meaning in life by making up his own subjective reality. As important as cosmology is, David doesn't attempt to answer this question by observing the heavens.

Instead, David meditates on the narrative told by Moses. In this story, he discovers the truth about God, God's plan, his place in God's plan, and the unparalleled true story of a King who will lay down his life to redeem rebels.

Everyone must decide. Ultimately, either Macbeth is right when he says, "...life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing," or as Jesus once said about himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

**Prayer – Father, open our eyes to behold wonderful things from your law.**

### READING – Psalm 1: Psalm 8: Genesis 3:15

**Opening Question:** Have you ever dreamt of being in a Major?

1. Psalm 1. What is it in which the psalmist delights? What are the outcomes for the man who meditates in God's story? Ultimately, how many ways are there to live?

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2. Psalm 8. What is it that we find David observing in this Psalm? What question does he eventually ask? Where does he find the answer, we see in verse five and six? What would most likely be the answer if David had no revelation to which he could appeal?

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3. As we study Genesis 3, where do we see a promise of a Warrior-King who will one day crush our adversary's skull? What do we see in that text that indicates the Warrior-King will suffer in the process?

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