

# PSALM 1

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<sup>1</sup> 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;  
<sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,  
And in His law he meditates day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> The ungodly *are* not so,  
But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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## *I.* The Godly and the Ungodly are Contrasted

*A.* The godly person described in vs. 1-3

*B.* The ungodly person described in vs. 4-6

## *II.* Blessing is Promised to the Godly

*A.* 5 conditions described in order to receive the blessing

*1.* Does not accept or follow ungodly counsel

2. Does not stand in the path of sinners (submissive and inactive – Amplified Bible)
3. Does not sit in the seat of those who scorn/mock – (participating or just listening and not objecting)
4. Delights in God’s Word (has pleasure in and desire for)
5. Meditates in God’s Word day and night

*B.* 4 Blessings promised to the person who fulfills the conditions

1. He will be like a “planted” or “cultivated” tree that has a constant source of refreshment and nourishment
2. He will bring forth fruit (he has purpose!)
3. His leaf (his very life) will not wither, fade or droop
4. Whatever he does will prosper!

*III.* The end result of the ungodly

- A.* They are like chaff which the wind blows away – purposeless, worthless and discarded (v.4)
- B.* When the day of judgment comes - they will not be able to “stand” (v.5)
- C.* They won’t be a part of the “congregation of the righteous” (v.5)
- D.* They will eventually perish (v.6)

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### **(Amplified Bible)**

<sup>1</sup>BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly [following their advice, their plans and purposes], nor stands [submissive and inactive] in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down [to relax and rest] where the scornful [and the mockers] gather.

<sup>2</sup>But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night.

<sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].

<sup>4</sup>Not so the wicked [those disobedient and living without God are not so]. But they are like the chaff [worthless, dead, without substance] which the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked [those disobedient and living without God] shall not stand [justified] in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous [those who are upright and in right standing with God].

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord knows and is fully acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly [those living outside God's will] shall perish (end in ruin and come to nought).

