
Two Ways to Live: Choose Wisely!

Psalm 1

¹ 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;

² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

³ 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.

⁴ The ungodly *are* not so, But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

1. What is the theme of Psalm 1? (v.6) Two Ways of Living

- Way = lifestyle; what you DO; practices, habits, focuses, actions
- Way ≠ your intentions, hopes, wishes, dreams, expectations

2. What are the two ways of living? (v.6)

- The way of the righteous
- The way of the ungodly

There are only TWO choices; two ways. You are either walking in one way or the other. There is no third option. Which way describes YOUR walk?

3. How does God view these two ways? (v. 6)

- He knows the way of the righteous
 - God acknowledges and approves of this way
 - God is intimately connected with this way
- He rejects the way of the ungodly
 - God does not accept, acknowledge, or approve of this way
 - This way will eventually vanish (it cannot and will not last)

4. What is the way of the ungodly? (v. 4-5)

- Actions: It is opposite of the righteous way (cf. v. 1-3)
 - Not separate
 - No immersed by the Word
 - Not stable
 - Not fruitful
 - Not valuable or lasting
- Results: It is measured by its eternal end (cp. Psalm 10...)
 - The ungodly shall not stand in judgment
 - Sinners will be excluded from the presence of the righteous

5. What is the way of the righteous? (v. 1-3)

A. Negative Actions (v. 1):

- Rejects the input of the ungodly
- Rejects the paths of the sinner
- Rejects the practices of the scornful

B. Positive Actions (v. 2):

- Delights in the Law of the Lord
- Meditates in the Law of the Lord constantly

C. Present Results:

- This way brings God's blessing (v. 1)
- This way brings growth (v. 3)
- This way brings stability (v. 3)
- This way brings fruitfulness (v. 3)
- This way brings health (v. 3)
- This way brings prosperity (v. 3)
- This way brings God's acknowledgement & approval (v. 6)

D. Eternal Results (v. 5):

- Approval in judgment
- Gathering with the righteous

Which way describes your way?

Do you need to change directions?