

Psalm 001 - Wisdom Psalm: Contrast between wise and foolish living

Psalm 1

The Righteous and the Wicked

1 Blessed is the person who does not walk in the **counsel of the wicked**, Nor stand in the **path of sinners**, Nor sit in the **seat of scoffers**!

1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

1 How blessed is the person, who does not take the advice of the wicked, who does not stand on the path with sinners, and who does not sit in the seat of mockers.

1 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.

— "...the counsel of the wicked" - who are the wicked? Those who live as if God doesn't exist.

— Our spiritual life is a "walk" (Eph 4:1,17; 5:2,8,15)

— It is possible for a believer to walk "in the darkness," outside the will of God? (1 John 1:5-7)

— "...path of sinners" - sin means to "miss the mark" - they don't quite live as they should

— "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov 14:12; 16:12)

— "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts..." (Is 55:7)

— "...seat of scoffers" - this is the negative side. This is what the happy man does not do.

— In the next verse we see what the happy man does do

— The scorners are atheists, and in denial

— They are willingly ignorant...even blind towards intelligent design, which they ascribe to randomness

— "Surely He scorneth the scorners: but He giveth grace unto the lowly" (Prov 3:34)

— "...walketh...standeth...sitteth" - the verbs have a downhill path, from in the location, walking, to standing (no longer moving forward), to sitting (intending to stay awhile)

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

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

2 But he delights in the LORD's instruction, and meditates in his instruction day and night.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

- God gives people His Word to beautifully bring restoration to His creation

3 He will be like a tree planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

3 He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

3 He will be like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding its fruit in its season, and whose leaf does not wither. He will prosper in everything he does.

3 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.

4 The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

4 The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

4 But this is not the case with the wicked. They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

5 Therefore the wicked will not escape judgment, nor will sinners have a place in the assembly of the righteous.

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 wicked will perish.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will be destroyed.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.