

PSALM 1

I. THE BLESSEDNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS MAN (1:1-3)

A. HIS CHARACTER (1-2)

1. Described from a negative point of view
 - a. Walks not in the counsel of the ungodly
 - b. Nor stands in the path of sinners - Pro 4:14-15
 - c. Nor sits in the seat of the scornful - Psa 26:4-5
2. Described from a positive perspective
 - a. His delight is in the law of the Lord - Psa 40:8; 119:47,48; Jer 15:16
 - b. In God's law he meditates day and night - Psa 119:97-99

B. HIS PROSPERITY (3)

1. Like a tree planted by rivers of water - Psa 92:12-15; Jer 17:7-8
 - a. That brings forth fruit in its season
 - b. Whose leaf shall not wither
2. Whatever he does shall prosper - Josh 1:7-8

II. THE DESPERATION OF THE WICKED (4-5)

A. NOTHING LIKE THE RIGHTEOUS (4)

1. The ungodly are not so (lit., "Not so, are the ungodly!")
2. They are like the chaff which the wind drives away - Job 21:17-18

B. THEIR SORRY END (5)

1. The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment
2. The sinners shall not stand in the congregation of the righteous

III. A FINAL CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR TWO WAYS (6)

A. THE LORD KNOWS THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS (6a)

B. THE WAY OF THE UNGODLY SHALL PERISH (6b)