**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;**

 **Blessed is the man**

**Psalm 34:8**

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

**Psalm 112:1**

Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

**Deuteronomy 28:2**

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

 **Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly**

Instead of walking in the way of ungodly counsel…

**Psalm 128:1**

How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways.

**God's Word is always the best counselor,** and godly counselors will always bring the truth of God's Word to help someone who wants counseling.

 **Nor stands in the path of sinners,**

The progression of *walk*, *stand*, and *sit* can be expressed as *think*, *behave*, and *belong*.

**Proverbs 16:25**

There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

The righteous can have the confidence of [**Psalm 16:11**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/psalms/16/11/s_494011): *You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore*.

God has a path, and it is a good road to take. It is the BEST path!

 **Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;**

The scornful love to sit and criticize the people of God and the things of God. The righteous man will not sit in that **seat**!

**2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,**

 **And in His law he meditates day and night.**

In other words, don’t approach Bible study like you are speed reading…eating unpleasant food as fast as possible. But rather, cherish it. *Savor* it. *Sigh* about it. *Daydream* about it.

**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.**

**He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water**:

**That brings forth its fruit in its season**:

 **John 15:5 (NKJV)**

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

**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.**

In Psalm 73, David said, “For I *was* envious of the boastful,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.” A few verses later he admits this jealousy lasted until…”Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
*Then* I understood their end.”

**Chaff** is the light "shell" around a kernel of grain, which must be stripped away before the kernel of grain can be ground into flour. **Chaff** was light enough that it could be separated from the grain by throwing a scoopful into the wind and letting the wind drive away the **chaff**.

**Ephesians 4:14-15**

14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

**5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,**

**Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**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.**

**The LORD knows the way of the righteous**

 **Job 23:9-10**

**9**When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold *Him;*
When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see *Him.*
**10**But He knows the way that I take;
*When* He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

**The way of the ungodly shall perish**