

Summer in the Psalms

Lesson One • Psalm 1
Two Ways to Live

Which Way Will You Live?

Nothing is more important than living the way of the RIGHTEOUS rather than the way of the WICKED.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1:6 ESV

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” ~Jesus, Matthew 7:13-14 NIV

Two Ways to Live:

1. The Way of the RIGHTEOUS Is the Only Path to a Life of Blessedness! *Psalm 1:1-3*

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. vs. 1

This Blessedness Begins by Avoiding the Wrong Path:

- Don't BELIEVE like the world.
- Don't BEHAVE like the world.
- Don't BELONG with the world.

This Blessedness Comes from Building Your Life On God's Word:

You DELIGHT in and are DIRECTED by God's Word.

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

This Blessedness Results in Living a Satisfying Life:

- You will be marked by STABILITY.

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water... vs. 3

- You will be marked by VITALITY.

...that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf shall not wither... vs. 3

- You will be marked by PROSPERITY.

...and whatever he does shall prosper. vs. 3

2. The Way of the WICKED Is the Fast Track to a Life of Emptiness! *Psalm 1:4-5*

The ungodly are not so... vs. 4

The Emptiness of the Wicked:

- The wicked are marked by WORTHLESSNESS in this life.

The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. vs. 4

- The wicked will be marked by HOPELESSNESS in the next life.

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

The Final Destiny of Both Ways:

The way of the wicked ends in eternal DEATH, but the way of the righteous ends in eternal LIFE.

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Jesus Is the Way!

Ultimately, the way of the righteous is only possible in Jesus Christ.