

**The Wisdom of Worship**  
Psalm Appeal – Part 1 of 4  
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The Book of Psalms sits in the center of the 67 books of the biblical library. The word means “song for worship.” This Book of 150 Psalms opens the third section of the Hebrew Bible: Torah (Law or Instruction), Prophets, and the Writings. Psalms itself is divided into five sections with King David’s composition being predominant in the first two sections. The shortest Psalm is #117 at two verses and the longest is the ode to the Word of God in Psalm 119 at 176 verses. Psalm 1 introduces the wisdom of this book of worship of the Living God.

**Psalm 1 (HCSB)**

**The Two Ways**

- <sup>1</sup> How **happy** is the man  
who does not **follow** the advice of the **wicked**  
or **take the path of sinners**  
or join a group of **mockers**!
- <sup>2</sup> Instead, *his **delight** is in the **LORD’s instruction**,*  
*and he **meditates** on it day and night.*
- <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted beside **streams of water**  
that **bears its fruit in season**  
and whose **leaf does not wither**.  
**Whatever he does prospers.**
- <sup>4</sup> The **wicked** are not like this;  
instead, they are like **chaff that the wind blows** away.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked **will not survive the judgment**,  
and sinners will not be in **the community of the righteous**.
- <sup>6</sup> For the **LORD watches over** the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked **leads to ruin**.

**Psalm 1 (The Message)**

- How well God must like you—  
you don’t walk in the ruts of those blind-as-bats,  
you don’t stand with the good-for-nothings,  
you don’t take your seat among the know-it-alls.
- <sup>2-3</sup> Instead you thrill to GOD’s Word,  
you chew on Scripture day and night.  
You’re a tree replanted in Eden,  
bearing fresh fruit every month,  
Never dropping a leaf,  
always in blossom.
- <sup>4-5</sup> You’re not at all like the wicked,  
who are mere windblown dust—

Without defense in court,  
unfit company for innocent people.  
<sup>6</sup> God charts the road you take.  
The road *they* take leads to nowhere.

- Choose the right conscience by choosing the right company.
- Don't wreck your life by neglecting faith or conscience. 1 Tim. 1:19
- Delight drives destiny.
- Overcome the world by delighting daily in the word.
- Meditation matters. Bookend your day with worship in the word.
- The Lord prepares the way of those right with Him.
- Each day ask: am I steering, drifting or sinking?
- Don't sail by yourself, let the Spirit of Christ fill your sail and guide your trail.

**My Next Step today is to...**

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