

## Psalm 1 - Two Ways, UBC 7-1-12

Introduction of Series & Book 1 (Psalms 1-40)

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Introduction of Psalm 1

- a. Wisdom Psalm
- b. Charles Spurgeon - "(Psalm 1) is the text upon which the whole of Psalms make up a divine sermon."
- c. Paired with Psalm 2, .... key theme of all the Psalms.
  - a. *In Christ, we are blessed.*
- d. "PSALM" means "Praise".

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TWO WAYS

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." **Matthew 7:13-14**

- a. Two paths ---> Two ends.
  - i. The world's path
  - ii. The true path

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**"Blessed is the man"**

- a. Plural. i.e "Oh, the blessedness..."
  - i. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; **1 John 3:1**
  - ii. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **Ephesians 1:3**
  - iii. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

**"Walks not in the counsel of the wicked"**

- a. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:2**
- b. There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. **Proverbs 14:12**
- c. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? **Jeremiah 17:9**
- d. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. **Colossians 2:8**

**“Stands in the way of sinners”**

- a. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. **1 John 2:15-17**

**“Sits in the seat of scoffers”**

- a. To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work. **Titus 1:15-16**
- b. Alien / Strangers / Sojourners...
- c. Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! **Isaiah 5:20**

**“but his delight is in the law of the Lord”**

- a. The blessed man delights in the law of the Lord.
- b. Sign of salvation
  - i. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. **Romans 8:7**
  - ii. **Psalm 19:7-11**

**“and on that Law he meditates day and night”**

- a. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **Joshua 1:8**
- b. C.T. Studd
- c. "I once had another religion, ... hunting the Bible for hidden truths, but no obedience, no sacrifice. Then came the change. The real thing came before me... words became deeds. The commands of Christ became not merely Sunday recitations, but battle calls to be obeyed, ... assent to creed was born again into decisive action of obedience."
- d. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **James 1:22-25**

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**“He is like a tree planted by streams of water”**

- a. In His great love for us, God “planted” us.
  - i. In His Sovereignty (who, where, how we met Him...)
  - ii. By streams of water! (His Word....)
- b. Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. **Matthew 15:13**

**“yields fruit...leaves do not wither...in all he does, he prospers”**

- a. In season - fruit
- b. Year round - leaves
- c. Restoration from sin's damage

**“The wicked are not so”**

The contrast again.

**“They are like chaff that the wind drives away.”**

- a. The threshing of wheat on a windy day.
- d. **Jeremiah 17:5-8**

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**“Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

- a. Ancient court - someone will “stand in judgment” bring accusation
- b. No one will stand and accuse God in the end

**“for the Lord knows the way of the righteous”**

- a. He is the Sovereign King over all the earth!
- b. And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me...’ **Matthew 7:23**
- c. But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.  
**Job 23:10**

**“the way of the wicked with perish”**

- a. Not only the wicked but their way as well.
- b. Conquered at the cross.

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Invitation

- a. For you who know and long after Him...
  - i. Do you rest in the blessedness of being a child of the Most High God?
  - ii. Meditate on the Word, day and night. Do what you read.
  
- a. For you who don't know this blessed life...
  - i. Remember the end.
  - ii. You must know the Savior.