

The Two Paths
Psalm 1

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I. Introduction to the Psalms.

The emotions of the _____ poets were expressed to God within the writings of the different **Psalms**.

- *“The **Book of Psalms** has been and still is the irreplaceable _____ guide, prayer book, and hymnal of the people of God. The Hebrew title is “the book of praises”. (Warren Wiersbe)*

Some Hebrew poetry can be correct doctrine but while interpreting poetry, we have to remember that the Lord allows feelings to be expressed, that are _____ doctrinal truths. **Psalm 94:3-7**

II. Oh how happy. Psalm 1:1

Blessed is the man means, oh how happy or _____ is the person, but it also means to be right or straight. **Proverbs 3:5-6**

- We can receive ungodly counsel from the enemy, other people, the world, and even our _____ flesh. **1 John 2:16-17**

Christians swim _____ and take a less-traveled way because we know it leads to blessing, contentment, and eternal life. **Proverbs 14:12**

- The world, the ungodly, and some backslidden people love to sit and _____ those who are trying to walk on the Lord's path.

III. A fruitful tree. Psalm 1:2-3

Delighting in the Word of God means it brings you enjoyment. We can measure our delight in the Word of God by how much we _____ and thirst for it. **Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:11**

- A tree that is planted by a river has a constant water _____ and will not wither away from a lack of water. **Ephesians 5:26-27**

Christians are blessed with God's _____, peace, joy, love, hope, grace, eternal life and so much more, when we are planted by the River of God!

IV. The ungodly. Psalm 1:4-6

When thinking about the _____ riches of the wicked, believers need to have their minds set on things above where Jesus is seated, and someday, we will join Him for eternity.

- The word, “**know**” means to perceive and see, find out and discern to discriminate, _____, or to know by experience.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Discuss how we are to be careful while studying Hebrew poetry. *Since some of the statements in the **Book of Psalms** are based on feelings from the writers, are the **Psalms** considered the inspired Word of God?*
2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 94:3-7
2. Read **Psalm 1:1**. What does “**blessed**” mean? Where does ungodly counsel come from? What is the path of sinners? What is the seat of the scornful?
Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 John 2:16-17, Proverbs 14:12, Matthew 7:13-14, 2 Timothy 4:3-4
3. Read **Psalm 1:2-3**. Discuss the meanings of **delighting** and **meditating** on the Word of God. *What are the advantages of a tree planted by the rivers of water? What are some of the blessings Christians receive from the Lord?*
Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:11, Ephesians 5:26-27, John 15:5, Ephesians 1:3
4. Read **Psalm 1:4-6**. Discuss the differences between the blessed, righteous man and the ungodly man as described in these verses.
Philippians 3:18-19, Psalm 94:3, Matthew 3:12, Hebrews 4:13, Matthew 7:22-23
5. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.
Acts 9:2, Acts 16:17, Acts 24:14, Acts 4:12, John 14:6, Revelation 3:20