



“I shall always be ready to remind you of these things...”
2 Peter 1:21



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Sunday
 Bible Classes – 9:00 am
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SOME THOUGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READING

Psalm 1: Two Ways for Individuals

By Alex Hale

This psalm, and by default, the entire book of Psalms, begins with a depiction of someone who has made a conscious choice regarding where they will spend their time and with whom they will spend it. While sometimes we find ourselves caught up in a situation which is out of our control, most of the time we are tempted because we place ourselves in situations that lend themselves to ungodly behavior (see Proverbs 7; 1 Corinthians 15:33). Scripture is filled with examples of life being like a road, path, or way with two directions that we can choose. In Psalm 1, the choice is between the way of the world and the truth of God's word. Within this psalm, there are three contrasts between these two paths.

The way of the world brings sorrow; the way of God brings joy (v. 1-2). Have you ever been around people who are constantly negative? The use of the word “scornful” carries with it people who, for whatever reason, mock the beliefs and actions of others. This is obviously not a desirable way to live life. In addition, the psalmist writes about the path of sinners. James speaks of the end of this path when he writes, “...sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death” (James 1:15). On the other hand, the psalmist writes about the delight that comes from living a life in accordance with God's will. God reveals to us how He wants us to conduct ourselves. His goal is not to make us miserable, feeling like we have missed out on something. Rather, He wants what is best for us (see John 10:10; 1 John 5:3).

The way of the world is ever changing; the way of God is secure (v. 3-4). The faithful person is pictured as a tree firmly rooted in the law of God. There is an old gospel song titled, “I Shall Not Be Moved.” The idea is that we know who we are and that for which we stand. We will not allow any false teaching that comes along because we have the ability to discern between right and wrong. The ungodly are pictured as the waste that comes off of wheat in the threshing process. These people will be blown every which way. These people will follow whatever comes along, regardless of whether or not it is based in truth (see Ephesians 4:14-16). Do you know what you believe? Is it based on the truth of God?

The way of the world does not last; the way of God is eternal (v. 5-6). Because the ungodly are like the chaff driven away by the wind, the Lord does not find them faithful in the judgment. Though we spend a lot of time focused on the present, what truly matters is that which outlives this life. Sin is a passing pleasure that has both temporal and eternal consequences. Remember, we choose our path. Choose that which lasts. Choose the way of the Lord.