

TWO PATHWAYS (Psalm 1)

Dec. 28, 2025

TEXT—Psalm 1

MAIN IDEA—We're all traveling one of two paths. We're either moving towards eternal life in Christ or towards eternal death away from Christ.

THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS

(Ps. 1:1-3)—This Psalm encourages God's people to live for God's glory. To live for God's glory is to walk the way of the righteous. This way is blessed by God.

Jn. 3:16-17; Rom. 5:1

***Rejecting the world (V1)**—The blessed man/ woman enjoys happiness in God by rejecting the beliefs, behaviors, and practices of the ungodly.

> The *counsel of the wicked*, is the general beliefs of the ungodly, Christ-denying world around us. **Ps. 119:24**

> To *stand in the way of sinners*, is to move in a direction away from Christ. **1 Cor. 6:9-11**

> To *sit in the seat of scoffers* is to sit in criticism against God; ridiculing and mocking the sacred.

Matt. 7:13-14

***Rejoicing in the Word (V2)**—The second way the blessed man/woman enjoys happiness in God is by learning to delight in God's word.

Jer. 15:17; Ps. 119:15-16, 47-48, 92-93

MEMORY VERSE—Josh. 1:8

Jn. 15:7-8

***Planted like a tree (V3)**—The person who meditates on God's word will walk in spiritual stability and continual refreshment *like a tree firmly planted by streams of water*.

*He will be fruitful showing God's blessings through words and actions that are timely and appropriate (V3).

*He will be characterized by spiritual renewal & vitality (V3).

*The things he/ she undertakes will be blessed by God (V3).

Rom. 8:28; Gen.39:3, 23

Question: Here at the close of 2025, Where in your life do you need to reject the world and rejoice more in the word that you might enjoy God to the fullest?

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THE WAY OF THE WICKED (Ps. 1:4-5)—The wicked are the ungodly who live for self and not for Christ. They are spiritually unstable, fruitless, temporary and headed for divine judgment.

Mt. 3:7-12

Mt. 7:24-27

THE LORD KNOWS (Ps. 1:6)—The righteous are intimately known by God in a saving relationship through Christ, so they are secure in Christ's love (**Jn. 10:27-28**).

Mt. 7:23

Question: Are you known by the LORD? Are you His follower? Are you on the righteous path?

>Abide in Christ (John 15:1-11).