

First Baptist Church, Plymouth NC.
Wednesday Night Bible Study
September 8, 2021

Psalm 1: The Righteous and the Wicked.

Our Scripture this evening paints a stark contrast between the righteous and the wicked. The way of their life now, and their destiny in the future. Psalm 1 sets the tone for the entire collection of Psalms in this book, which repeatedly sets the contrast between the righteous and the wicked.

Let's define some key words from this passage:

Blessed- "prosperity or happiness" that comes when a superior bestows his favor and blessing.
(Vines)

Wicked- denotes a category of people who have done wrong, are still living in sin and are intent on continuing in their wrongdoing.

Mockers- those who ridicule, deceive and act defiantly.

Sinner- One who transgresses against God's law.

Psalm 1:1

Walk in step _____

Stand in the way _____

Sit in the company _____

In what ways can Christian be tempted to "sit in the company of mockers?"

Psalm 1:2

The blessed have simply developed different tastes than the wicked.
They meditate on the Law of the Lord. _____

Psalm 19:7-14 _____

Psalm 1:3

They are like a tree planted... _____

Can you add anything else to the metaphor? _____

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What of the wicked?

Psalm 1:4

Chaff? _____

Psalm 1:5

We should not walk in their ways because their ways lead to destruction.

Matthew 25:31-46

The Blessedness of the righteous and the end of he wicked.

Psalm 1:6

The LORD does discriminate between the righteous and wicked. He knows the way of the righteous.

“...not just objective knowledge about the righteous but also a subjective relationship with them, assuring them that he cares for his own, protects them and will reward them. (Expositors Bible Commentary Gaebelin)

In contrast the Lord offers no such promise to the wicked.

Closing questions for discussion.

In knowing these truths, why do you think Christians at times walk in the way of the wicked?

Ephesians 5:1-7