

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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Two Persons

1. The Righteous: trust in the Lord, not in themselves (Jer. 17:7)
2. The Wicked: trust in themselves, not in the Lord (Jer. 17:5)

Two Ways

1. The Way of Blessing

*Does not **walk** in the **counsel** of the **wicked**.
Does not **stand** in the **way** of **sinner**s.
Does not **sit** in the **seat** of **mockers**.*

*But his **delight** is in the law of the Lord
And on His law he **meditates** day and night.*

2. The Way of the Wicked

Two Ends

1. Like A Tree
 - Rooted
 - Nourished
 - Fruitful and prospering
 - Evergreen
 - Protected
2. Like Chaff
 - Insignificant
 - Disposed of
 - Judged
 - Perishing

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17:5-9. How are these texts similar? How are they different? How do they inform and interpret one another?
2. What are all the images that come to mind as you read Psalm 1? How do these images function? How do they serve the text?
3. Describe the downward progression of Psalm 1:1. What is the contrast between v. 1 and v. 2?
4. When Psalm 1:3 tells us that this blessed person will “prosper” in whatever he does, what does that mean?
5. What is the righteous person compared to? What about the wicked person? What are their ends?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. The Psalms invite contemplation. Where does your contemplation of Psalm 1 take you? Where does it leave you?
2. How does Psalm 1 jive with your experience in the world? If it doesn't, what do you do with that?
3. How is Psalm 1 an introduction? In what ways is Psalm 1 an invitation?
4. What does it mean to be fruitful? What comes to your mind? Scripturally, what are some of the ways the metaphor of fruit is used?