

# Psalm 1

## (ESV)

### The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

- 1** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2** but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4** The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.
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What a beautiful Psalm to start off our M&M Series with this year. Let's dive deeper together so that we are able to see more of Jesus and depend on Him for all of our wisdom.

- 1.** First off, let's address who, what, when, where, and how. If you do not have a study bible, **Blue Letter Bible** could be a good resource for you to gain more information about the context of this passage.
- 2.** Notice that God **points out** two different kinds of people within this **psalm**. Who are they? What do you notice about **the character of each person**?

3. When thinking through the righteous and the wicked characteristics, what does it tell you about God's character?
4. God calls the righteous to meditate on His law day and night. Where do you see yourself falling into the temptation of thinking thoughts of the world rather than the sweetness of God's character and laws that he has provided for us?
5. The Lord often uses the image of trees planted along the stream when he talks about His people. Why do you think that is?
6. How do you see this Psalm fitting into the overarching narrative of the redemption story that God is writing, not only in the Bible but also within your life?
7. What do you feel like you need to confess to the Lord today or thank Him for after reading this passage?