



Faith Talk

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The Way of the Righteous

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"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked..."

(Ps 1:1)

"The wicked are like chaff that the wind blows away..." (Ps 1:4)

The theme of this psalm is an age-long conflict between the righteous and the ungodly. The end of the righteous is heaven and the end of the other is hell. This psalm shows us two walks of life. One is the way of blessing (the righteous) and the other is the way of judgment (the ungodly). The Lord Jesus says in Matthew 7: 13-14: "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it."

The first three verses of Psalm 1 depict the way of the righteous man.

The godly person described in these verses delights in the Lord and in His Word. He meditates on His Word day and night. It is not that he never thinks of anything else, but rather, that all his thoughts and actions are controlled by his desire to be obedient to God's Word in every way. He knows that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Light (John 14:6).

In the second half of this psalm, we read about the ungodly. "The wicked are like chaff that the wind blows away." The day will come when all ungodliness will be revealed for what it is. Christ is not only "the Way of the Righteous," but also will be the Judge (John 5:22). Therefore, it is clear that "the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment"(Ps.1:5). The "great congregation" of the redeemed cannot include any that are unrepentant and therefore still among the ungodly.

Psalm 1 begins with "blessed" and ends with "perish". True believers are blessed in Christ and will receive eternal life, but unbelievers perish and receive eternal death. Therefore, "Blessed are all they that put their trust in the Lord!" (Ps.2:12).

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