

Wisdom Psalms
1, 14, 19, 37, 73, 91, 112, 119, 128
"Cedrus libani" (1:3)
September 6, 2026
Hymn # 400 (Red) "Be Thou My Vision"

Thesis Verse - 1:6 - "For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Theme - Prosperity for the Righteous and destruction of the wicked

Outline -

I. THE BLESSEDNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS MAN (1:1-3)

A. HIS CHARACTER (1-2)

1. Described from a negative point of view
 - a. Walks not in the counsel of the ungodly
 - b. Nor stands in the path of sinners - **Pr 4:14-15**
 - c. Nor sits in the seat of the scornful - **Ps 26:4-5**
2. Described from a positive perspective
 - a. His delight is in the law of the Lord - **Ps 40:8; 119:47,48; Jer 15:16**
 - b. In God's law he meditates day and night - **Ps 119:97-99**

B. HIS PROSPERITY (3)

1. Like a tree planted by rivers of water - **Ps 92:12-15; Jer 17:7-8**
 - a. That brings forth fruit in its season
 - b. Whose leaf shall not wither
2. Whatever he does shall prosper - **Josh 1:7-8**

II. THE DESPERATION OF THE WICKED (1:4-5)

A. HIS CHARACTER (4)

1. The ungodly are not so (lit., "Not so, are the ungodly!")
 - a. They are chaff
 - b. Blown away **Job 21:17-18**

B. THEIR DESPAIR (5)

1. The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment
2. The sinners shall not stand in the congregation of the righteous

III. A FINAL CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR TWO WAYS (1:6)

A. THE LORD KNOWS THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS (6a)

B. THE WAY OF THE UNGODLY SHALL PERISH (6b)

Application:

1. The laws of God are good and will bring prosperity both now* and eternally*
2. Prosperity on Earth is not prosperity
3. Disobedience will end (Phil. 2:10-11)
4. Where is the Fear of God?

Benediction: Ephesians 2:1-10

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⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His kindness* toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.