



Two Roads Diverged

Psalm 1:1-6

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THE OPENING SALVO

Psalm 1 points the way to _____, and warns about God's _____.

THE ROAD TO TROUBLE

- The **wicked** are those who have been found _____, and _____ their guilt.
- The **sinner's** _____ has become dominated by a strategy to rebel against God and harm others.
- The **mockers**, in nearly every way, _____ and _____ God.

THE ROAD TO BLESSING

1. The person who is _____ by God's _____.
2. The person who is _____ by God's word.

Verse 3 describes the person who IS a blessing.

- They are blessed to bless _____.
- They are like a _____.
- They are nourished by God's _____.
- They bear _____.

THOSE WHO NEED BLESSING

- Verses 4-5 are a _____ to us. Are you rooted in Christ? Or is your life chaff, that blows away in the winnowing?
- Verses 4-5 are a _____ to us. We can point others to Christ.

THE GOSPEL IS PSALM 1:1 IN REVERSE

After we have _____ down, given up, and put our trust in Christ, then we can _____, following and obeying Christ. And finally, because Christ has made us new, and we're living dependently in him, then we can _____.

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Psalm 1:1-6

- ¹ Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

⁴ Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

1 John 2:14

I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Ephesians 6:13

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then...

QUOTES

- "If we speak to the Lord about the Word, the Word will speak to us about the Lord."
– Warren Wiersbe
- "...mull over God's word, so that it can mull over you. – Robert Mulholland
- "Our faith lacks depth and volume because it is not fed by hidden springs."
– Alexander MacLaren
- If you want God's grace, all you need is need, all you need is nothing. But that kind of spiritual humility is hard to muster. We come to God saying, "Look at all I've done," or maybe "Look at all I've suffered." God, however, wants us to look to him..." – Tim Keller

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