

*I Will Sing! How the Psalms Teach the Truth,*

*Build Your Faith, and Calm Your Soul*

**“A Psalm for When You’re Confused” — Psalm 1**

The Lord’s Day Morning — June 11, 2023

Psalm 1 serves as an introduction, or preface, to the entire book of Psalms. It is categorized as a Wisdom Psalm and uses the same language and literary devices found in Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. One common literary device is to draw a sharp contrast between the righteous and the wicked. The righteous are not confused about what is right and wrong because they live according to God’s law and make wise decisions that create conditions for human flourishing. The wicked resist God’s law, often confuse right and wrong, and create conditions for human suffering. Both the righteous and the wicked will be judged by God according to his revealed moral standards.

1. Good advice leads through \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of advice is \_\_\_\_\_ by the law of God.
3. Bad advice leads through \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The gospel is \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

**A Summer in the Psalms!**

This summer, consider spending time each week reading the upcoming Psalm, meditating on it “day and night.” As you read and study the Psalm, seek to answer questions like these: What does this Psalm say about God and his character? What seems to be the emotional state of Psalmist? Is there a command to obey? A truth to believe? An action to take? An attitude to adjust? A warning to heed? An example to follow? A promise to claim? A sin to avoid? A principle to apply? What is the good news here?

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