

Psalm 1 “The Word or the Wicked?”

Main Point: *Loving God’s commands is a matter of life and death.*

I. Don’t follow the crowd; follow God’s Word (vv. 1–2).

Joshua 1:8, “⁸ *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*”

II. God’s Word gives vitality while sin makes us barren (vv. 3–4).

Jeremiah 17:7–9, “⁷ *Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.*” ⁹ *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?*” Zechariah 14:8–9, “⁸ *On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.*” ⁹ *And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.*”

III. What we follow has eternal consequences (vv. 5–6).

Isaiah 26:14, “¹⁴ *They are dead, they will not live; they are shades, they will not arise; to that end you have visited them with destruction and wiped out all remembrance of them.*” 2 Corinthians 5:14–15, “¹⁴ *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*”