

## Psalm 1 Manuscript Study Notes

These notes are not meant to be an exhaustive list of key points from our discussion of Psalm 1, but rather serve as a guide to our larger study on the morning of January 1, 2023. If you are joining during our livestream, please post any comments you have to Facebook and we will try our best to include them in the discussion.

### Observations

- Poetry is micro synthetic and macro contrastive
- Wicked/Sinners: Chaff. Blown away. Will not stand in judgment/assembly. Way leads to destruction.
- Contrast: Characters and results
- The one who meditates: Yields fruit. Does not wither. Their works prosper. LORD watches over.
- Progression 1: Walk. Stand. Sit.
- Progression 2: Delight. Meditate.
- Progression 3: Yields fruit in season. Does not wither. Works prosper.

### Important Questions

- What is the significance of Trees?
- What is the significance of Water?
- What is the judgment?
- What is Meditation?
- What is the assembly of the righteous?
- How are 'prospering works' and 'blown away chaff' contrasting thoughts?
- How are "The LORD watches over their way" and "the way leads to destruction" contrasting thoughts?

### Key Interpretive Questions

- What does it mean that humans are like trees?
- What does it mean that the law is like water?
- What does the writer mean by 'Meditation'?
  - o We want God to have given us an exhaustive map, and what He offers us is a compass – Tim Mackie

### Big Idea

- If we aim to plant ourselves as close as possible to Scripture, then we will produce abundant goodness when we need to, we will experience abundant life, and what comes out of us will make a lasting ripple effect into the world. If we plant ourselves away from Scripture and close to wickedness, then what we produce, what we experience, and how we impact the world will inevitably be "death and destruction."

### Response

- Read: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 read it five times (write it out for bonus points)
- Meditate: Make observations and list questions
- Interpret: Seek out answers to those questions
- Respond: Find the wisdom