



Crosspoint Church

AfterWords

Weekly Study: Summer in the Psalms- Planted and Prospering



Overview

Psalm 1 paints a clear picture of two distinct ways of living: the way of the righteous and the way of the ungodly. The righteous person is rooted, steady, nourished, and fruitful because their life is planted in God and guided by His Word. The ungodly, however, lack foundation and are easily blown away by the pressures and storms of life. This study calls us to look closely at the road we are walking, the kind of person we are becoming, and the future that comes from following God or turning away from His guidance.



Scripture

P s a l m 1:1-6 | M a t t h e w 7: 13-14 | J o s h u a 24:15 | J o h n 7



Key Points

The Path We Choose

- **Small compromises lead to larger ones.** Psalm 1 warns that spiritual drift begins subtly, *“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.”* Walking becomes standing, and standing becomes sitting. The voices we listen to shape our thinking, our choices, and ultimately our direction.
- **Jesus reinforces that there are only two spiritual roads.** One leading to life and one leading to destruction. Choosing the right path requires intentionality, daily obedience, and delighting in God’s Word rather than following cultural noise or ungodly counsel.

The Tree We Become

- **Planted people have roots.** The righteous person is described as *“a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season.”* They are stable, nourished, and able to withstand storms because their source is God, not circumstances.
- **Growth takes time.** Roots develop before fruit appears. God is more interested in shaping character than producing quick results. Deep roots in Christ create believers who stand firm, flourish in every season, and prosper in what God calls them to do.

The Destiny We Face

- **The ungodly are compared to “*chaff which the wind drives away.*”** Without roots, foundation, or spiritual grounding, they cannot withstand pressure or judgment.
- **Our foundation determines our future.** Psalm 1 concludes with a sobering truth: “*For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*” Those planted in Christ will stand when everything else falls away.



Reflection



What voices influence you the most each day, and are they leading you toward God?



Where is God inviting you to grow deeper roots instead of rushing for quick results?



Which path are you choosing daily and what small step can help you walk closer to God?



Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your Word that guides my steps and anchors my life. Plant me deeply in You so that my roots grow strong, my faith remains steady, and my life bears fruit in every season. Help me choose the path that leads to life and walk closely with You each day. Amen.

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