# Psalms 1

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# The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- $^{4}$  The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

#### **HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES**

## Judgment — מִשְׁפַט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפֵּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

## Law — תוֹרָה (Torah)

#### Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹכָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

**Lord** — יָהוָה / אֲדֹנֵי (YHWH / Adonai)

#### The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (הְּוָהְיִ), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנְי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

## Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

# Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַּדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צָּדָק), meaning righteousness or justice.

## Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

#### Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוֹח) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

## **CROSS REFERENCES**

**Psalms 1:1** Parallel theme: Psalms 36:4; Genesis 49:6; Job 21:16; Proverbs 1:15; 13:20; Jeremiah 15:17. **Blessing:** Psalms 34:8; 112:1; Luke 11:28. **References God:** Psalms 1:6

**Psalms 1:2** Word: Psalms 40:8; 112:1; 119:1; 119:11; 119:35; 119:92; Joshua 1:8; Jeremiah 15:16; Romans 7:22. **References Lord:** Psalms 104:34

**Psalms 1:3** Parallel theme: Psalms 92:14; Genesis 39:3; 39:23; Jeremiah 17:8; Ezekiel 17:8; 19:10; 47:12; Matthew 13:6; John 15:6; Revelation 22:2

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**Psalms 1:4** Parallel theme: Psalms 35:5; Job 21:18; Isaiah 29:5; Hosea 13:3; Matthew 3:12. **References God:** Isaiah 17:13

**Psalms 1:5** Sin: Psalms 5:5; 26:9. **Righteousness:** Malachi 3:18; Matthew 13:49; 25:46. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 25:32; 25:41; Luke 21:36. **Judgment:** Psalms 9:16; Jude 1:15

**Psalms 1:6** References God: 2 Timothy 2:19. Righteousness: Proverbs 15:9. Parallel theme: Psalms 142:3; Job 23:10; Proverbs 14:12; Matthew 7:13; John 10:14; 10:27. References Lord: Psalms 146:9; Nahum 1:7

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