

Psalm 1 & Ephesians 4:17-24

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- Intro:
1. The true condition of the righteous and the ungodly are revealed.
 2. Proper thinking is the source of true happiness and success.
 3. Everyone can see himself or herself very well in Psalm 1.
 4. Ephesians 4:17-24

I. Description of Righteous – v.1-3

A. Negative Description – v.1

1. Walk not in the counsel (**Prov 4:14-19, Ps 119:105-106**)
2. Nor stands in the path (**1 Cor 15:33**)
3. Nor seats in the seat (**Prov 14:9, Psalm 26:4-5**)

B. Positive description – v.2

1. Delight IS in the law (**Ps 19:7-11, James 1:25**)
2. Meditates in the law (**Pro 23:7, Ps 119:97-99**)

C. He is compared to a tree –v.3

1. Planted – (**Ps 92:12-15, Jer 17:7-8**)
2. Fruitful
3. Evergreen
4. Prosperous – (**Josh 1:7-8**)

II. Contrast of righteous and unrighteous - v.4-5

A. The “ungodly” are not like the tree.

1. The ungodly walks in their own path. (**Ps 14:1**)
2. They are not founded on a firm foundation. (**Matt 7:26ff**)

B. They are like the chaff (**Matt 3:12**)

1. They are easily blown away and separated. (**Job 21:17-18**)
2. They have no roots. (**Matt 13:6,21**)

C. The “ungodly” will not remain in the presence of righteousness. No more than chaff and wheat.

1. When it comes time for judgment the wicked will have nothing to stand on.
2. Every thing they have done will be brought into judgment. (**Ecc 12:14**)

III. The Promise - v.6

A. Of the righteous – The Lord knows and will remember

1. The Lord knows His relationship with the godly.
2. He knows of their faith and their love for Him.

B. Of the unrighteous – They shall perish

1. He knows of their sins.
2. He knows of their rejection of Him and His laws and ways.

Questions

1. Where does the **man of God** focus his attention? (**Matt 6:24,33**)
2. How does God bless those who are obedient to Him? (**Eph 1:3, Rom 8:28**)
3. What association does the righteous have with the unrighteous? (**2 Cor 6:17**)