

“Your Choice: Chaff or Trees”

Psalm one introduces the Psalms and offers the only two options open to mankind together w/the consequences of one’s choice.

THE ISSUE

Everyone wants to be blessed / happy (“How blessed / happy is. . .”
= 26x in Psalms (e.g. 32:1,2, 34:8, 40:4, 119:1,2 and cf. Mtt. 5:1-12).

THE OPTIONS

Two paths presented--the “way of the wicked” 1:1
--the “road of the righteous” 1:6 (cf. Mtt. 7:13,14)
I’ve got to quit . . .

Negative description of blessed:

*Don’t **walk** in **counsel** of the **wicked***

*Don’t **stand** in **path** of **sinners***

*Don’t **sit** in **seat** of **scoffers***

I’ve got to start . . .

Positive description of blessed

Delights in the Law, (119:14)

Meditates on Law (2:1b, 119:48)

THE RESULTS

Graphic imagery showing outcome of choice. God *knows* (in a protective sense) those who choose well (37:18, 138:6, Mtt. 7:23)

Chaff = unproductive, valueless debris left over after winnowing. It is a picture of judgment (Jer. 15:7, Mtt. 3:12, I Cor. 3:12).

Tree: productive and often of great value. They give / symbolize life (Gen, Rev). Great people are likened to trees, 92:12-14, Jer. 17:8, Dan. 4