

## THE “WAYS” AND “WOES” OF LIFE

Psalm 1:1-6

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

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### I. FIRST, NOTICE THE “WAYS” OF THE SUCCESSFUL BELIEVER (Psalm 1:1-3).

A. First, note how he is be separated from the world (Psalm 1:1).

1. First, there is a way in which he will not walk (1:1b) “. . . *walketh not in he counsel of the ungodly . . .*”

WHY?

- a. First, the “*counsel of the ungodly,*” denies the sufficiency of Scripture dealing with problems of the Christian.
- b. Secondly, the “*counsel of the ungodly,*” dignifies and exalts the pride of man and takes away the glory of God,
- c. Thirdly, the “*counsel of the ungodly,*” decreases or minimizes the need for the cross of Christ by asserting either the basic goodness of man or by downplaying the extent and impact of the fall.
- d. Fourthly, the “*counsel of the ungodly,*” directs or focuses on pleasing self rather than pleasing the Lord and others.

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2. Secondly, there is a trail that he should never take (1:1c) “. . . *nor stand in the way of sinners . . .*”

3. Thirdly, there is a seat where he should not sat (1:1d) “. . . *not sit in the seat of the scornful.*”

### BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATION:

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- a. First, he walked toward Sodom (Genesis 13:11).
- b. Secondly, he stood with the Sodomites (Genesis 13:12b).
- c. Thirdly, he sat at the gate of Sodom (Genesis 19:11).

B. Secondly, notice how he is to be saturated with the word (Psalm 1:2).

1. First, it tells us to take pleasure in the Word (1:2a).
2. Secondly, it tells us to ponder the promises of the Word (1:2b).
3. Thirdly, it tells us to study it perpetually “*day and night.*”

C. Thirdly, consider how he is to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ (1:3).

- a. First, in order to be \_\_\_\_\_.

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b. Secondly, in order to \_\_\_\_\_.

c. Thirdly, in order to experience \_\_\_\_\_

**II. SECONDLY, NOTE THE “\_\_\_\_\_” OF THE SADDEN UNBELIEVER (1:4-6).**

Contrast the “*godly*” as a “*tree*” and here with the “*ungodly*” as “*chaff*.”

A. First, trees give \_\_\_\_\_, while chaff is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Secondly, trees have \_\_\_\_\_, while chaff is \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Thirdly, trees withstand \_\_\_\_\_, while chaff blows away.

**APPLICATION:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **flirting with sin (Psalm 26:4).** “*I will not sit with vain persons, neither will I do it with dissemblers.*”

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **flourishing spiritually!**