

THE “WAYS” AND “WOES” OF LIFE

Psalm 1:1-6

Introduction: _____

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 _____ where he should not _____ (1:1d) “... *not sit in the seat of the scornful*.”

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATION:

Lot:

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

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

1. First, it tells us to take _____ in the Word (1:2a).

2. Secondly, it tells us to ponder the _____ of the Word (1:2b).

3. Thirdly, it tells us to study it _____ “*day and night*.”

- a. First, in order to be _____.
- b. Secondly, in order to _____.
- c. Thirdly, in order to experience _____

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I. **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!