

## **Psalm 1 - Notes**

### **Background:**

1. The author is not known. Some think David, some Solomon, others believe it was an unknown compiler of the Psalms.
2. Still others believe it was intentionally (perhaps divinely inspired to be) left anonymous so that it would better serve as an introduction for the entire book. I lean this direction. It seems a natural lead in to a book about relationship with God to think of these two paths. As you study these songs and prayers, which will you choose? The righteous way or the wicked way?
3. We cannot determine the occasion upon which the Psalm was written.
4. It is a didactic psalm. It is a wisdom psalm dealing with the two lifestyles or paths one may choose. It is a chiasm psalm.
5. Key words in this Psalm: Wicked Person (rasa) 4x; Way/Road (derek) 3x; Sinner (hatta) 2x; Lord (Yahweh) 2x; law (tora) 2x; Righteous (saddiq) 2x;

### **VV. 1, 5 - TWO STANDS**

1. The Righteous Man Does Not Stand With The Wicked - v.1
  1. Does not Walk - Wicked's Counsel
  2. Does not Stand - Sinners' Path
  3. Does not Sit - Scoffers' Seat
2. The Wicked Man Does Not Stand with the Righteous - v.5
  1. Wicked will not stand in the Judgment
  2. Sinners will not stand in assembly of Righteous

### **VV. 2, 6 - TWO CHOICES:**

1. Blessed man chooses God's Law - v.2
  1. Delights - in the law of the Lord
  2. Meditates day and night - in the law of the Lord
2. God chooses Righteous Man - v.6
  1. The way of the Righteous - God Knows
  2. The way of the Wicked - Will Perish

### **VV. 3, 4 - TWO ILLUSTRATIONS:**

1. Green Tree = Righteous Man - v.3
  1. He will be like that tree firmly planted by streams of water
  2. Yields Fruit in season
  3. Leaf Does Not Wither
  4. In whatever he does, he Prospers
2. Brown Chaff = Wicked Man - v.4
  1. Not so (planted by streams of water)
    1. Like the chaff - wind drives away