

Psalms 1 and 2

Psalm 1

- This psalm serves as a prologue to the whole Psalter. This psalm differentiates between the two paths of life. One path leads to blessing and the other to cursing, one to life and the other to death.

The Way of the Godly. 1:1-3.

- Blessed can be rendered happy or “oh the happiness of“. The godly avoid being corrupted by the ungodly.
- The godly delight in and meditate on God’s Word. Because of this they will be steadfast, solid, secure, nourished.

The Way of the Wicked. 1:4-6.

- The wicked are contrasted with the godly. Wicked are described as chaff, worthless and having no value. God, the righteous judge, condemns the unrighteous to everlasting punishment. The wicked have not accepted God’s gracious gift of forgiveness through the death of his son Jesus Christ.

Psalm 2

- One commentator titles this psalm as “the reign of God’s anointed”.
- 2:1-3 describe the rebellion of the ungodly. The rulers conspire together against God. They see God’s decrees as shackles rather than rules and guides for leading a happy life now and forever.
- 2:4-6. God’s response. These verses describe God’s righteous wrath against sin. God has set His Son as the righteous king and judge.
- 2:7-9. The Intention of God. Point to the divine nature of the Son, His inheritance, and His absolute rule with the “iron scepter “.
- 2:10-12. The Invitation of God. Despite their rebellion God is still calling out to the rebels to reconsider. God is warning them. Rebels are called to humble submission to Christ’s sovereignty.