

# NOT SO, THE UNGODLY

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 ¶ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

1. Psalm 1 sets the foundation for all 150 Psalms:  
2 basic choices for life, the way of the godly and  
the way of the ungodly.

2. V. 1-3 give us a great promise of God's  
blessing for a really blessed and satisfying life if  
we make the right choices.

3. The choices: Blessing by Rejecting the way of  
the world, 1:1; Pursuing God's way, 1:2; and  
Anticipating God's blessing.

4. The second half of the Psalm presents a totally different outcome. A stark contrast. It details the way of the ungodly: Bluntly, “not so the ungodly.”

5. V. 4-6 details the outcome of those living life without God.

Those who choose to reject Christ and live life without God will not have the blessing of God in their lives. They will not have the blessed life here, nor will they go to heaven in the future like the blessed person.

**TWO DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED CHOICES.**

a. Warning to the ungodly.

b. Challenge to the Christian.

**CHALLENGE:** Flee the way of the ungodly personally AND Warn the ungodly of the outcome of living an ungodly life.

A. So you/they will not be like the chaff which the wind drives away, 1:4

1:4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

This is how God sees the life of the ungodly (those without God). Worthless chaff, good for nothing.

Once the grain is ripe and harvested, the husk has no use or value whatsoever. It is not planted (like the Christian), has no root, bears no fruit.

B. So you/they will stand in the day of judgment, 1:5

1:5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

1. Judgment is a recurring theme throughout the Word of God. Heb. 9:27; Ecl. 12:14. The prophets.

Hebrews 9:27, And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Ecclesiastes 12:14, For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. The prophets.

2. Life does not end with death. For the ungodly (without God), a judgment awaits.

3. The ungodly face a variety of judgments in this life, but they think little of a judgment after death (or they assume they will do well in the judgment).

4. It will be a serious and sobering moment when the ungodly stand before the holy God of the Bible and await their verdict. Then they will wish they had given attention to life after death and the judgment to come.

The ungodly are not going to be acquitted.  
Not going to “stand.”

## C. So God will know your/their way, 1:6

1:6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

1. There are only two ways for each of us in life: the way of the righteous, and the way of the ungodly.
2. There are two ways that God treats the two ways in life.
  - a. God knows the way of the righteous.
  - b. The way of the ungodly shall perish.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Which life are you living? The way of the righteous? or the way of the ungodly?
2. Do not expect God's blessing on your life if you are following the way of the ungodly, even if you have trusted Christ for salvation.
3. Bear in mind constantly that the ungodly will perish. You are their link to salvation and the blessed life.
4. Trust Christ for salvation and live a godly life. Then God will know your way and bless your life.
5. Warn all that you can.