

## Psalm 1:3

***He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.***

I am going to make a statement, then post the entire Psalm, which is only 6 verses, which you can read it in a minute.

You have to do verses 1-2 before you can have verse 3 (Today's verse) if not, then you will end up with verses 4-5. You may be thinking "What?" at this time. Once again, let's read all of Psalm 1

† ***Psalm 1:1-6 1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.***

I mean who wouldn't want to be verse 3, "***Planted by the rivers of water***", being nourished all the time. "***That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.***" Being prosperous with that nourishment and not growing weary in the things you are doing. Sounds great, doesn't it, and many will claim a certain verse as their life verse or stand on that one verse only. But, like I said before, if you want verse 3 to be a verse you claim is for you, then you need to do verses 1-2

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Or as it says in the NLT:

† ***Psalm 1:1-2 (NLT2) Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.***

Yet how many are still in the world and act like the world and partake of the things of the world as they "***follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers***" Simply, they are Christians who would rather follow after the things of this world in order to prosper and get ahead in life.

They are looking for short cuts to get ahead. "***or join in with mockers***"

They lie and cheat against others to get what they want and even play the Lotto so they won't have to work if they win. "***stand around with sinners***"

They walk all over others thinking only of themselves and not truly caring about the needs of others, watching how others take advantage of others and do the same thing. "***follow the advice of the wicked***"

For those who do these things, the Psalm says, "***But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.***" Did you catch that one sentence here?

"***They will be condemned at the time of judgment.***" Which tells us that this is referring to nonbelievers, and if you are a believer then you should not be doing such things.

And the Psalm also tells us the outcome of the believers who do verses 1-2 and the non believer who do verses 4-5

† **Psalm 1:6 (NLT2)** *For the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.*

So, if you have been doing verses 4-5 as a believer "***But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.***" It's time to stop and return to the Lord and repent by doing verses 1-2 "***Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.***"

Then you can enjoy and claim verse 3 "***He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.***" and the first half of verse 6 "***For the LORD watches over the path of the godly***"