

Bible study Guide Notes

Recommended book **The New Joy in Bible Discovery** by Oletta Wald



Tools for bible Study

1. BIBLE

- Types of bibles NIV (New International Version)
- ESV (English Standard Version)
- KJV (King James Version)
- AMP (Amplified version)
- NASB (New American Standard Bible),
- NRSV (New Revised Standard Version),
- TLB (The Living Bible),
- The Promise Bible,
- The Message



2. Bible Dictionary.



3. Dictionary



4. Concordance



5. Bible Commentary



Psalm 1

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

1. Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

2. but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

3. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

4. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6. for the LORD knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish.

KEY WORDS

BLESSED:- made holy; consecrated. A title preceding a dead person considered to have led a holy life, especially a person formally beatified by the Roman Catholic Church. Endowed with divine favour and protection. Used in mild expressions of annoyance or exasperation.

Bible Dictionary Blessing either words in praise of God or words used to make someone or something holy. Hence also the result of such words: in the OT a favour bestowed by God, as at harvest Deut 28:8. In the NT blessings are spiritual Eph 1:3 meaning all the gifts promised by God to mankind through Christ Acts 3:5 and of Christ to his disciples. Mark 14:23; Luke 24:50;

COUNSEL:- advice, especially that given formally consultation a barrister or other legal adviser conducting a case give advice recommend a course of action, give professional advice to someone to resolve personal, social, or psychological problems. Bible dictionary gives examples of counsellors doesn't actually define the word counsel.

WICKED:- Evil or morally wrong, playfully mischievous excellent wonderful.

Bible dictionary both OT and NT anticipate certain punishment for the wicked Ps 9:17 Matt 13:49. It was a constant puzzle that the wicked prospered Ps 37:36; 69:4; 73:3-12 and frequently there is therefrain that sooner or later they will be punished. Wickedness is a deep-seated evil in the heart Jer. 17:9 and is inspired by the devil 1 John 3:12.

SCOFFERS:- People who speak about something in a scornfully derisive way, an expression of scornful derision an object of ridicule.

LAW:- a rule or system of rules recognised by a country or community as regulating the actions of its member and enforced by the impositions of penalties such rules as a subject of study or as the basis of the legal profession. 'interpretation' might be preferable. this word has a meaning much wider than the legal profession.

Bible Dictionary:- translation of the Hebrew torah through this word has a meaning much wider than the legal: 'interpretation' might be preferable. It is used in the Hebrew Bible for the Pentateuch, in which law as a system of commands occupies only a part of the five books. Law in the narrowest sense was the basis for the administration of justice which was done by local elders at the city

gate, though difficult cases were referred to the Temple authorities at Jerusalem. The king exercised judicial functions and his judgement created precedents.

LORD:- a man of noble rank or high office a name for God or Christ.

Bible Dictionary :- Used in both OT and NT , as addressing Moses as leader (Num. 32:25) and masters by slaves (Matt18:25) also by Jesus in reference to the authority of the Son of Man over the Sabbath (Mark2:28) and by others in speaking to Jesus in person with authority (Matt7:21).

In the OT Lord is also used to translate Hebrew words for God, and in the NT it is used tentatively of Jesus, as in 'come our Lord' (1Cor16:22). The formula 'God has made him both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36) may well be an authentic phrase from the Aramaic-speaking church of Jerusalem, for there is similar use of 'Lord' and the 'Lord' in the 'Dead Sea scrolls, without the pronoun 'my' or 'our'.

The term was a convenient bridge when the Gospel spread to Gentile Lords, for there were many pagan. 'Lords' and it was later used of the Roman emperor. For Paul 'Lord' and 'Christ' are almost synonymous (1Cor:8;6;1) Thess 4:17; 5:12)

MEDITATES :- Focuses one's mind for a period of time for spiritual purposes or as a method of relaxation think carefully about something.

TREE:- a woody perennial plant typically within a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing lateral branches a wooden structure a part of a wooden structure the cross on which Christ was crucified. BD Israel was not well supplied with trees, but timber was constantly needed for building as and on farms. Wood for the Temple was imported 1Kgs 5:8 Among the trees mentioned in the Bible are, Cedars (abundant on Mount Geberon) Cypress Palm which has a great capacity for survival as sycamore.

WATER :- the liquid which forms the mulberry lakes rivers, and rain and is the basis of the fluids of living organisms.

YIELD :- produce or provide (a natural, agricultural, or industrial product) produce or deliver (a result or gain) generate (a specified financial return)

Give away to demands or pressure; submit.

FRUIT :- the sweet and fleshy product of a tree or other plant that contains seed and can be eaten as food the seed bearing structure of a plant egg an acorn natural produce that can be used for food the fruits of the earth rewards of work or activity. Bear fruit give good results.

BD in the literal sense fruit as figs 1kings4:25 and pomegranates are familiar in Palestine

(Num 13:23) as well as mulberries and melons, children are known as fruit of the womb (Luke 1:42)

Figuratively, human conduct is thought of as the fruit of a tree, either sound or rotten (Matt7:16-20), and Paul asks his converts what fruit (Rom 6:21, Av); advantage, NRV gain, REB, NJB) they had in past deeds of which they are now ashamed. The fruit they should produce is that which comes from the spirit (Gal: 5:22).

SEASON :- each of the four divisions of the year (spring, summer, autumn and winter) marked by particular weather patterns and daylight hours the time of year when a particular fruit vegetable, etc. is plentiful and in good condition.

LEAF :- A flattened structure of a plant typically green and blade – like, in which photosynthesis and transpiration mainly take place. Phrases turn over a new leaf start or act or behave in a better way.

WITHER:- (of a plant) become dry and shrivelled become shrunken or wrinkled from age or disease fall into decay or decline humiliate (someone) with a scornful look or manner.

PROSPERS:- Succeeds or flourish, especially financially thrive make successful.

CHAFF:- the husks of grain or other seed separated by winnowing or threshing chopped hay or straw used as fodder. Separate or sort the wheat from the chaff distinguish valuable people or thing from worthless ones.

JUDGEMENT:- the ability to make considered decisions or form sensible opinions an opinion or conclusion a decision of a law court or judge, a misfortune viewed as a divine punishment. Sit in judgement assume the right to judge someone especially in a critical manner.

c.f. stand in judgement as indicated in Psalm 1 which implies won't be able to defend judgement brought against you.

Bible Dictionary: In the OT God is depicted as a judge who will reward people according to their desserts – with wrath on the evil and blessing on the righteous (Deut10:18;

32:41). In the NT, while people's attitude to Jesus is itself a self judgement (John 3:18) there are also suggestions of a future judgement (eg matt. 23:3ff; Rom2:151) In which the evil and the righteous will be forever separated. The criterion of judgement is spelt out in the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matt 25:31ff)

RIGHTEOUS :- morally right or justifiable; very good excellent correctly so called genuine.

Bible Dictionary righteousness. In Hebrew, the quality of being found right or innocent; it is what describes a good King (Isa 32:1) or a fair partner or neighbour (Amos 5:6-7). God is righteous because he observes his covenant, delivering Israel from enemies and offering hope for the future. (Jer. 23:5). In the NT the word righteousness occurs frequently in Matthew, where it means ethical righteousness, doing the will of God (Matt8:6,10) which is less radical than what is written by Paul, who asserted that righteousness is not only right conduct before God but a right relationship with God. The initiative is from God; it is received in faith; it issues in right conduct (Rom3:21-6). Righteousness is ascribed to Jesus in 1 John 2:1. In the sense of a total conformity to the will of God.

CONGREGATION :- a group of people assembled for religious worship a group of people obeying a common religious rule a gathering or collection of people or things.

Bible Dictionary. The People of Israel considered as a group for travel (Exod16:1) or worship (Isa 1:13 'convocation NRSV, sacred assemblies REP assemblies NRIB). The Hebrew word is translated ecclesia in the Greek LXX.

PERISH :- die especially in a violent or sudden way suffer complete ruing or destruction.

WALKS :- to move at a regular pace by lifting and setting down figuratively each foot in return travel over a route or area on foot (live or behave in a specified way).

STANDS :- be in or rise to an upright position, supported by one's feet move somewhere in an upright position. Place or be situated in a particular position esp. vehicle remain stationary (food /liquid) rest without disturbance (of a ship) remain on a specified course.

SINNERS :- People who sin.

SIN :- an immoral act considered to be a transgression against divine law, an act regarded as a serious offence commit a sin, cause offence or harm to.

Bible dictionary. In the OT sin denotes what is unacceptable (to God or humanity), not necessarily disobedience to God, or rebellion against him (as is in 1kgs:8:50); not to be equated with crime, which is an offence against society. Anything wrongly related to God is sin 9Rom14:23). Idolatry is therefore the supreme sin (Rom1:23). In the NT one Greek word has the meaning missing).. sin was in principle conquered by the 'Life', 'death'; and resurrection' of Jesus and we are released from its suffering power by our being united to him by faith and baptism.

SITS :- be or cause to be in a position in which one's weight is supported by one's buttocks rather than ones feet and ones back is upright, be or remain in a particular position or state. (sit with) be harmonious with sit in attend a meeting without taking an active part.

DELIGHT :-please greatly take great pleasure is a cause or source of great pleasure.

PLANTED :- place a plant in the ground or fix in a specified position found or establish (a colony or community).

DESIRE:- Strong feeling of wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen. Strong sexual feeling or appetite, something, desired strongly wish for or want sexually express a wish to (someone).

HABITUALLY:- done constantly or as a habit, regular usual.

Habits = addiction.

Advice, Admonitions and Warnings

V1 Blessed (Imperative Verb)

- Walk not
- Stand not
- Sit not

Advice

V2 but delight in and meditate on

Warning

V4 Wicked

V5 Wicked will not stand....

V6 but way of the wicked Perish.

Reasons and Results

Reason

V1 Counsel with wicked

Walk Adopt sinful ways

Sit with scoffers

Result

V4 Like Chaff

V5 will not stand in judgement congregation of the righteous.

V6 but the way of the wicked perish

Reason

V1 not counsel with wicked

Not walk in sinful ways

Not sit with scoffers.

V2 not counsel with wicked

Not walk in sinful ways

Not sit with scoffers.

V2 delight in law of the Land and meditates....

Result

V1 Blessed

V3 Like a tree...

V4 ...he will not stand in judgement or found just will in the congregation of the righteous

V6 For the Lord knows..... (Protection)

Contrasts, Comparisons illustrations

Righteous

V1 Delight of the Blessed

V2 Delight of the Wicked Contrast

Comparison

R v3 Simile like a tree....

UR V4 Contrasts/Comparison like chaff

UR V5 Wicked/sinners

Judgement/congregation of the righteous

R V6 Lord knows (acknowledges) way of the righteous

UR Perish way of wicked contrast illustration.

Repetition and Progression of Ideas

The way of the Righteous and the wicked

Hint Number of times a word is repeated.

Wicked X4

Righteous X2 implied X 4 Total = 6

V1 Blessed – looking at it from an unblessed person's activities.

V2 What a Blessed person focuses on and concerns himself with and enjoy.

V3 Use of a similar Tree to illustrate established.

V4 Contrast wicked fruit unestablished.

V5 Result Judgement

V6 Reason required of the righteous the Lord's protection of the righteous exclusively.

Important Connectives

Prepositions Conjunctions

Def : P :- a word governing and usually preceding a noun or pronoun and expressing a relations to another word or element as in she arrived after dinner and what did you do it for.

Def : connective word or phrase linking other linguistic units

Def : A word used to connect clauses or sentences or to coordinate words in the same clause. An instance of two or more events occurring at the same point in time or space.

V2 But

V4 But

V5 Therefore

(Result) reward

V6 for (reason)

Grammatical Construction

Word	Verbs	Tense	Noun	Pronoun	Preposition
Blessed	Walks	Pr. T.		Man	
Counsel		Pr. T.	Wicked		
Stands		Pr. T.	Sinners		In
Sits		Pr. T.	Scoffers		In
Delight		Pr. T.			In
Meditates		Pr. T.		his	on
	Is		Tree	he	like
Planted		Pr. T.	Water	streams	by
Sees	yields	F.T.	fruit	it's	In
Wither		F.T.	Leaf	it's	
Prosper		F.T.		he	in
	Are not		wicked		
	Drives	Pr. T.	Chaff		away
	Stand		wicked		
	Judgement				
	Stand	F.T.	Sinners		in
	Judgement				
	Stand	F.T.	Sinners		in
	Judgement				
	Stand	F.T.	Sinners		in
	Congregation		Righteous		
	Knows	Pr. T.	Righteous		for
	Perish		wicked		

Interpretation

Not what you have done in the past nor what you intend to do in the future but what you are doing now.

Established, knows where they are handed what they believe in not all easily lead/fickle minded. Produces much return value when the time is called up on Everything he decides to do and do it becomes a success. Final day they will not be able to meet the basic requirements. Nor included when the righteous are taken up to heaven. Because the Lord know his sheep and their ways therefore they are protected and covered but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Commas

Role of the Comma is to give detail to the structure of sentences and to make their meaning clear by marking off words that either do or do not belong together. It usually represents the natural breaks and pauses that you make in speech, and operates at phrase and word level.

Phrase Level

An important function of the comma is to prevent ambiguity or momentary misunderstanding.

Word Level

A comma is used to separate adjectives having the same range of reference coming before a man.

SEMICOLON

The main role of a semicolon is to make a grammatical separation that is stronger in effect than a comma but less strong than a full stop. Normally the two parts of a sentence divided by a semicolon balance each other, rather than leading from one to another.

Sentences which already have commas in.

What has crippled me? Was it my grandmother, frowning on my childish affection and turning it to formality and cold courtesy; or my timid, fearful mother, in awe of everyone including, finally, me; or was it my wife's infidelities, or my own?

ESV

(Fully punctuated)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffer;

(Promise Hope Correct)

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

NIV.

(Not fully punctuated wrong)

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

AMP.

(make obvious Bold Blessed word Desire added negative word to illustrate intensity of wanting to know Laws of God)

BLESSED (Happy fortunate prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly (following their advice, their plans and purposes), nor stands (submissive and inactive) in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down (to relax and rest) Where the scornful (and the mockers) gather. But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day end by night. (Rom.....)

[Punctuation starts of in ESV mode than full stop introduced at the but stage because of the bracketed inclusions in the sentence, hence lengthening it and giving the impression of requiring a break in the sentence]

KJV

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.

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

Emphasis on the word Blessed, considered as a shout as capital letters are used. Emphasis on the word LORD infers rank importance.

So what can we interpret from this? The Lord is Blessed therefore follows we should follow his example to also be blessed.

Two forms of; punctuation acceptable. However, read to analyse whether there is a change in the meaning to the sentence. What is actually meant what is implied.

Wicked – intent	}
Sinner – disobedience	} sign of what is the
Scoffers – what you say wrongly.	} character of a person unrighteous /righteous

It doesn't change or alter the meaning of the overall sentence, however, it reads better in the ESV version because the second verse doesn't stand on its own it relates to the first verse it's dependent on what elements are in the first verse.

Atmosphere & Emphatic Statement

The atmosphere is that of Poetic and Caution

Emphatic Statement

V5 Therefore.....

V6 for.....

Reason.

Literary Form

Poetry: A lot of figurative terms used to visually illustrate the meaning

- Words like walk, stands, sits,
- 2 similes like a tree like chaff.

General Structure

V1 – 3 Talks about the Blessed Man

V4 – 5 Talks about the wicked Man

V6 Talks about their rewards.

V1 What the Righteous are not

V2 What the Righteous Love

V3 Use of Simile like a tree.... (describes the righteous)

V4 Use of Simile like Chaff..... (unrighteous)

V5 Rewards of the unrighteous.

V6 Rewards of the righteous.

Emphasis placed on being righteous

Favour with God means protected by God

Given blessings prosperity.

Longevity – long term

Wicked insignificant

Ignored by God in that he is not obligated to protect them No blessings

Short lived – short term

Use of Questions in the Passage

There were no questions in Psalm 1

Q1 why in V1 Blessed is the man who.....

- (i) Walks not in the counsel of the wicked

Q2 what is the meaning of this verse?

Possible interpretation, choose to speak with evil people about matters concerning their life evil people are people who are not in a position to advise them correctly not in right standing with God. As a result, they take incorrect advice about righteousness and matters concerning their lives result is negative failure unrighteousness.

Stands in the way of sinners to stand = be in agreement think like, adopt an attitude of a sinner. Break the laws of God going against God thus becoming unrighteous. (illegal in the sight of God.)

Nor sits in the seat of scoffers:-

To be in harmony with, happy enjoying talking negatively about others, what you speak about becomes your reality. If you don't speak positively about people you are pulling them down not building them up. God's plan is for us to prosper. By speaking blessings to others you receive blessings speaking negatively deters blessings, thus positive outcomes.

V2 Why the use of the connective

But his delight is in the law of the Lord.

Contrast what we know a blessed person doesn't do, or enjoy, to what they focus on and delight in. The meaning of this verse confirms previous assumption to be against the law is to be against God now we have a person who delights in the laws of God and meditates on it. Can go back to the definition of that word. Focus means to meditate on the laws of God day and night. What your major focus is will dictate the way you walk, result is you will not walk in the way of the wicked.

V3 Why use the similes like a tree?

Similes aid to visually impact the receiver to gain a better understanding of what is meant by the transmitter of the information. Use of this specific simile like a tree refers to a tree's stability, identity as a perennial long term plant strength, establishment symbolised. Then the verse goes on further planted by streams of water. Essentially established wear a source of life, and essential provisions required for survival. who is this source of life? God. Rooted in God (because you can be around people who do not build you up but you have God. All you need as a result you yield your fruit in its season. Produce fruit – other words prove you have been focussing on good and productive things evidence provided through the fruit bared. Fruit is making more of what God has provided you with and sharing it with others. And it's leaves does not wither.

Constantly maintains his resources, replenished because he remains in constant communication with God.

All that he does he prospers. What does this mean? Everything he does he does with the attitude of God we know God never fails. Even in the worst of situations God prevails and turns it for the good.

John 1v3 All things are made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

To acknowledge God in all your ways as is the case of a righteous person it would therefore follow prosperity is sure to follow. Time element is a faith indicator the longer you await would your faith be tested. It would be a quality like patience necessary for this waiting period. God's timing is not always in line with ours. Test of a truly righteous person would be in his faith in God. God is not on trial here, we are. God has proved his faithfulness we know God's character, we have this revealed throughout the Bible. He was the same yesterday as he is today and will be tomorrow.

What does it mean to acknowledge God in all his ways c

1 – You shall have no other Gods before me

2 You shall not make for yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven, earth or water Do not bow down to them. (IDOL WORSHIP)

3 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

4 Remember the Sabbath day, keep it holy.

5 Honour your father and your mother.

6 You shall not murder

7 You shall not commit adultery

8 You shall not steal

9 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbours.

10 You shall not covet your neighbour's house

These laws are not exhaustive

Look for examples in the bible where people have offended God and God's response. Also when people have pleased God and God's response. Only way you can do this is to read and study the stories of the bible.

V4 The wicked are not so....

What is the meaning of this verse?

They have no foundation, no solid beliefs, can be easily driven by circumstances. Unstable, fickleness, infidelity not loyal or capable of being loyal to anything.

V5 Therefore.....

What does this mean?

Reference to the last day when Jesus returns to take account and judge the righteous and unrighteous. They will not pass the inquisition at that trial before the Lord.

Lower level what you do daily reflects in your long term productivity. If you were accused of something would your defence holdup in a court of Law. Does your actions illustrate proof of what you have been working towards. I recall, a time when I was called for jury service when I worked for

Smith-Kline Beechams in my year out in work experience. I remember I had two weeks when I had to sit on a jury panel trying the case of an armed robbery. It was an eye opener. The defence lawyer had to present the character of the accused, his actions what he does on a daily basis, where he was at the time of the crime. He had to refute, rebut every evidence brought against the defendant.

I developed a sharper awareness that everything you do has to be accounted for. It can lead you into hell or heaven. You constantly have to justify yourself your actions keep yourself in check guard your mind, goals reasons are they in line with Godliness, what God's purpose is for your life. Is it going to harm or hinder the kingdom of God. How do you know, how do you really know that you are on track? Remain constantly connected to God the source.

Let us now observe and investigate the term

'Sinners will not stand in the congregation of the righteous'

This follows that a separation will occur.

Another question that arises is, are we to assume that there is a distinction between sinners and wicked people?

Let us employ the use of Venn Diagrams and logic to investigate further.

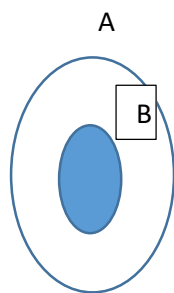


Diagram 1

Circle **A** represents All the wicked people

Circle **B** represents All the Sinners

According to **Diagram 1** this suggests all sinners

Are classified as wicked indicated by the shaded

region. It also implies that there are people who

are just wicked but are not sinners. This scenario

would not be what the passage in the psalm is

saying as it indicates there is a distinct difference

between sinners and the wicked hence the term

nor sinners.....

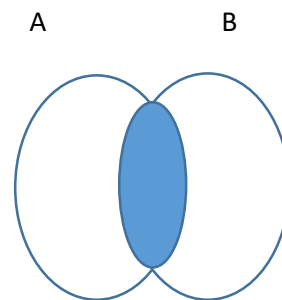


Diagram 2

According to **Diagram 2** the shaded

region represents people who are both sinners

and wicked.

Diagram 2 also suggests that there are people who

are wicked but not sinners indicated by the unshaded region in **A**

also people who are sinners but not wicked indicated by

the unshaded region in **B**. What would best represent what the

Psalm is implying is that the unshaded region of **B** would also be left

out of the congregation of the righteous which took into account the

common shaded region of the intersection of both groups of people

ie people who are considered to be both wicked and sinners .

c.f. definitions of the words wicked and sinner (page 2 and 5) see if this might further give us insight.

To further reiterate the point let us seek for examples of each kind of person in the bible.

JUDAS – Wicked

PETER – Sinner

Judas

Psalm 1 v1 Judas plotted against Jesus he betrayed him out right

Psalm 1v4 Judas changed his mind.

Psalm 1 v5 Judas testimony never stood up at the trial

Psalm 1v6 Judas committed suicide.

Peter

Psalm 1v1 **walked** *Matthew 26v58* following at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest

Psalm 1v1 *Mark 5v4* **Sat** with the guards warming himself.

Psalm 1v1 **Stood** in agreement with them when he denied Jesus *Matthew 26v33-35,69-75*

We can deduce that Peter was not blessed at the moment he did these things hence why Christ had to restore him when he returned *John 21v15-19*.

But upon Christ's second return we are told nor sinners....do we presume from this that, no mercy will be shown as was shown to Peter?

We must identify as saints that there is going to come a time when we will experience fear in our stand for Jesus but we are not to follow Judas nor Peter's example but to preach Christ until death. Remain loyal to him defend him. We must pray for help from God for when that time comes, strength to endure.

Home work for you. Find in the OT a person which is an example of a Judas, Peter, Jesus, Paul. Explaining logically irrefutably how you arrived at that conclusion for each example.

Back to finally analysis of verse 6

Why the connective For?

To introduce the reason for treatment inflicted in V5 of the righteous and the unrighteous.

What is meant by the phrase know the way of the righteous?

To know the way of the righteous is to guard their ways protection be in agreement support what they do. Acknowledge them as being right with him. In contrast to the unrighteous 'wicked' not support them result is perish death because life only exists in him.

Compare Translations Psalm1

V1 Blessed is the Man **ESV, NIV, KJV** (Happy, fortunate, prosperous and enviable) **AMP**.

Who walks not in the counsel of the wicked **ESV**.

Who does not walk in the Counsel of the wicked **NIV**

That walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly **KJV**

Who walks not lives not in the counsel of the ungodly **AMP**.

(following their advice, their plans and purposes).

Nor stands in the way of sinners **ESV**

Or stands in the way of sinners **NIV**

Nor standeth in the way of sinners **KJV**

Nor stands (submissive and inactive) in the path where sinners walk **AMP**.

Nor sits in the seat of scoffers **ESV**

Or sit in the seat of mockers **NIV**

Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. **KJV**

Nor sits down to relax and rest) where the scornful

(and the mockers) gather **AMP**

V2

;but his delight is in the law of the Lord **ESV**

.But his delight is in the law of the Lord **NIV**

.But his delight is in the law of the Lord ; **KJV**

.But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord **AMP**.

and on his law he meditates day and night **ESV**

and on his law he meditates day and night. **NIV**

and in his law doth he meditate day and night. **KJV**

and on his law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates/ponders and studies) by day and by night. (Rom13:8-10....)

V3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water **ESV**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, **NIV**

And he shall be a tree planted by rivers of water **KJV**

And he shall be like a tree firmly planted 9(and

Tendered) by the streams of water, **AMP**.

That yields it's fruit in it's season, and it's leaf does not wither **ESV**

Which yields it's fruit in season and whose leaf does not ..**NIV**

That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leave also shall not wither; **KJV**

Ready to bring forth it's fruit in it's season; it's leave also shall not fade "or wither; **AMP.**

In all that he does, he prospers, **ESV**

Whatever he does prospers. **NIV**

And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. **KJV**

And everything he does shall prosper 9 and come to maturity).

(Jer 17:v7,8).

V4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away **ESV.**

Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. **NIV.**

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away **KJV**

Not so the wicked (those disobedient and living without God are not so). But they are like the chaff (worthless, dead, without substance) which the wind drives away. **AMP.**

V5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; **ESV**

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. **NIV**

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous **KJV.**

Therefore the wicked (those disobedient and living without God) shall not stand (Justified) in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God). **AMP.**

V6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish **ESV**

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. **NIV**

(Only version gives further insight to know the way of the righteous as meaning protective)

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : but the way of the ungodly shall perish. **KJV**

For the Lord knows and is fully acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly (those living outside God's will) shall perish (end in ruin and come to naught) **AMP**

Comparing Cross References

V1 Pr4:14

Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil.

Ps26v4 I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

Jer15:17

I did not sit in the company of revellers, nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone; because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.

V2 Ps119:16,35

16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Ps119:v1

Blessed are those who's ways are blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Jos1:8

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Rom 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet", and any other commandment are summed up in this word. "You shall love your neighbour as yourself 2 love does no wrong to a neighbour, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gal 3:1-29; By faith or by works of the law (Read from Bible) Christ all in one.

2Timothy3:16

All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

V3 Jer 17:7,8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out it's roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for it's leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Ps128v3

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Eze47:12

And on the banks, on both sides of the river there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water from them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.

Ge:39v3

His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.

Ezek 19:10

Your mother was like a vine in your vineyard planted by the water; fruitful and full of branches by reason of abundant water.

Num 24:6

Like valleys they spread out like gardens besides a river, like aloes that the Lord has planted by the Lord, like cedars besides the waters.

Job 29v19

My roots will reach to the waters and with the dew all night on my branches

Ps 46:4

There is a river whose streams makes glad the city of God, the holy place where the most high dwells.

Isaiah 34:4

All the stars from the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shrivelled figs from the fig tree.

Psalms 128v2

You will eat the fruit of your labour, blessings and prosperity will be yours.

Isaiah 3v10

Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit illustrate of their deeds.

V4

Job 21:18

That they are like straw before the wind, and like chaff that the storm carries away?

Isa 17v13

The nations rear like the roaring of many waters, but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away, chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind and whirling just before the storm.

V5

Ps5:v5

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you later evil does.

Ps 9v7-8,16

But the word sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice and he judges the world with righteousness, he judges the peoples with uprightness. The Lord has made himself know, he has executed judgement; the wicked are ensnared in the work of their own hands.

Ps76v7

But you, you are to be feared.

Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused?

Nah1:6

Who can withstand his indignation?

Who can endure the heat of his anger?

His wrath is poured out like fire;

And the rocks are shattered before him.

Luke 21:36

Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the son of Man.

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore put on the full armour of god, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

V6

Ps37v18

The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever;

2T:2v19

But God's firm foundation stands bearing this seal. The Lord knows those who are his and lets everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.

Ps9v6

The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.

Conclusion and Summary of findings

We can see that from the six short verses of Psalm 1 there has been a lot of observations made.

Four Essential Key words of this Psalm 1

LAW

JUDGEMENT

BLESSED

PERISH

We can clearly conclude what the same is about from these four key words. There is a **law** and there follows for disobeying that law **judgement**, the reward for following the law (loving God) is **blessings** and the punishment for not following the law is that you shall **Perish**.

Emphasis is placed on the Righteous, observing the ways of the Righteous as a guide to correct living. The unrighteous is given little credence almost a grammatical sense of a capital letter for the Righteous and a lower case for the unrighteous. I think the main reason for why it is recommended that you focus on righteousness is that what you focus on determines the fruit that you shall produce.

I hope that I haven't given you a sense of she has covered Psalm 1 because I believe that I have not exhausted the full study of this psalm. Within Psalm 1 there are lots of individual topics for further study, for instance the Laws of God. We know that there were originally 10 fundamental laws/commandments given to Moses. Each of these commandments within themselves should be studied in depth and analysed. There were statues we know because there were cases that arouse which needed counselling. It is only when we examine closely that we gain wisdom, knowledge and understanding. We also will gain an insight into what pleases God and what doesn't, we get to know God.