

Two Men...Two Ways...Two Destinies

People will tell you that there are many types of people in this world. You've heard it many times: "It takes all kinds." But that is a lie that has been cleverly planted in our minds by the devil. Actually, in God's eyes, there are only two types of people in this world...those who are saved and living for God and those who are lost and living for themselves and the things of this world. In our text today the Bible gives us a clear picture by contrasting the two.

Psalms 1

The Saved Man Who Lives His Life For God

1. "Walks not in the counsel of the ungodly" v. 1

Romans 6:4 "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

2. "Nor stands in the path of sinners" v. 1

Joshua 24:15 "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods that your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

3. "Nor sits in the seat of the scornful" v. 1

Proverbs 3:34 "Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble."

4. "His delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night" v. 2

A. He thinks about it - **Psalms 119:33** "Teach me. O LORD, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end."

B. He reads it - **Psalms 119:105** "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

C. He talks about it - **Psalms 119:116** "Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope."

D. He obeys it - **Psalms 119:11** "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You."

5. "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." v. 3

6. "For the LORD knows the way of the righteous" v. 6a

2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him."

The Lost Man Who Lives His Life For Self And The World

1. He is unstable - "The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away." v. 4

Proverbs 4:19 "The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble."

2. He is unable - "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." v. 5

Proverbs 5:21-23 "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders all his paths. His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and his is caught in the cords of his sin. He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray."

3. He is unrecognized - "but the way of the ungodly shall perish" v. 6b

Listen to the words of Jesus that He will speak to the ungodly at the judgment: **Matthew 25:41** “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels”

In His Love,
Joel