



**Psalm 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; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. 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. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

The first psalm serves as the gateway to the entire book of Psalms, stressing that those who would worship God genuinely must embrace his Law (or Torah)—that is, his covenant instruction founded on his redeeming grace. This psalm addresses topics found also in the Bible’s wisdom literature and makes them the subject of song. When we joyfully sing this psalm, its values become ours. We are changed.

In a sustained contrast, Psalm 1 reminds us that in the end there are only two ways to live. And whatever else happens in our lives today, the crucial, bottom-line question is: which of the two ways described in this psalm will we embrace? Beneath the never-ending list of “to do’s” clamoring for our attention lies the fundamental choice to receive instruction and influence either from God or from fools. Will we listen to the voice of life or to the voices of death? Will we breathe in God’s life-giving instruction, sinking deep roots (v. 3), or will we breathe in the empty instruction of those who “will not stand in the judgment” (v. 5)? Will the trials still to come in our lives prove us to be deep-rooted trees, incapable of being blown over, or will they show us to be chaff, blown away by the slightest breeze?

Happily, this psalm and its two ways to live are not a choice between stoic obedience or gleeful disobedience. The first word of the psalm makes clear that true, solid happiness—what the Bible calls “blessedness”—is found in God and his Word. Verse 2 reiterates—“His delight is in the law of the Lord.” Nothing can compare with the blessedness—the fruitfulness, the flourishing, the prospering, the delightfulness, of a life saturated with the Word of God.

Walk with God. Soak in his Word. Take his yoke upon you (cf. Matt. 11:29). You will be blessed—truly happy, with a happiness the winds of trial cannot blow away. (Dane Ortland)

**Theology 101 – From the Mind to the Heart:** Our next Theology 101 class will be Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m...

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Tonight, at 6:30 pm, we will be continuing our study on *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*. We will be discussing what to do when you’re experiencing a crises of Faith...

**Sunday’s Service:** Fighting for Your Faith <https://youtu.be/GPoYhCKY3Ac>

**This Sunday’s Message:** Walking in the Newness of Life – Part Two (Romans 6:1-14)

**Great Quote:** “Faith begins with a backward look at the cross, but it lives with a forward look at the promises.” (John Piper)



### Prayer Needs:

- Please pray for Nicole and her family. They lost their house and car and are starting over. They have been approved for housing but are waiting for it to come through.
- Please pray for the Maldonado family. They just lost their husband and father, Luis, suddenly.
- Please pray for Tomas. He is just starting out walking with the Lord. Please pray for a job so he can support his family.
- Please pray for a friend and brother in the Lord. He is struggling mentally, especially in his walk with the Lord.
- PTL – Denise, who we've been praying for restoration with her brother, is now working with him to restore their relationship. Please pray for the Lord's work in both their lives.
- Please continue to pray for brother Jeff. He will be having surgery to remove a mass in his abdomen.
- Please continue to pray for David. He is 12 years old and just had a heart transplant and is still in ICU.
- Please continue to pray for Debbie. She is new to the church and desires to get closer to God and find peace in her heart and life.
- Please continue to pray for Mary. She is undergoing treatment for stage 4 kidney cancer. Please pray for healing and for more good days than bad ones.
- Please continue to pray for Mark N. He is at home and doing better each day but still needs complete healing from the effects of his illness.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or [yea4god@gmail.com](mailto:yea4god@gmail.com)

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Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

**Service Time:** 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory!

Pastor Mike

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Mike Yeamans

Proverbs 3:5-6

*"Nothing but God exists for its own sake"*

*"God magnifies his greatness by making himself the supreme treasure of our hearts, even at great cost to himself (Rom 8:32), and so serving us in the very act of exalting his glory." (John Piper)*