

The Bible can be a book of very different viewpoints. Two of those extremely different view points, might be the difference between spending eternity in Heaven, and spending eternity in Hell. Now that is an extreme contrast. Heaven is a very real and tangible place, whereas Hell is as bad a choice, as anyone could ever make. Hell is no laughing matter. I have heard people foolishly say that they were going to go to Hell, because, that is were all their friends were going to go. If you choose Hell, you will be in endless torment and pain for every moment of eternity. Even if your friends are there, you will not want to be around them, because they will not care about you anymore than you would care about them. You will be in the loneliest crowd that you will ever be in.

Psalms 1:1-6 is about some very real contrasting view points

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.

Blessed is the man

He does not follow the advice of ungodly people. (He walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly) He does not stand in the opinion of sinners. (He does not stand in the way that sinners do) He does not rest in the contempt that the ungodly have for God and the godly. (He does not sit in the seat of the scornful.)

But the blessed man

He loves the law of God and God's ways. He continually meditates in God's Word. (But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD) (But in his law doth he meditate day and night)

Because of his Love for God, His Law and His ways.

He will be as a tree that has continual water and sustenance.

(He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water) He will be fruitful in the season and way of God's own choosing.

(He shall bring forth his fruit in his season)

He will enjoy reasonable health and prosperity.

(His leaf also shall not wither)

He will succeed at what God leads him into.

(whatsoever he doeth shall prosper)

But The ungodly are not so

The ungodly have no continuing and abiding virtue.

(The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away) The ungodly have no hope in the judgment of the Lord.

(Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment)

The ungodly have no place in the congregation of the righteous.

(Sinners cannot hope to abide in the congregation of the righteous)

<u>God Knows All Of Our Ways!</u> For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

<u>Amos 5:14-15 KJV</u> Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. (15) Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

I would rather preach in a small place, than stand in the corner of a large one — G. W. Hubbard 1 Thessalonians 5:24 — *Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*