

# “On the Way” 365 Bible Reading Plan

# PSALM 1

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Psalm, one introduces us to the primary writings of the greatest King of Israel, save the Messiah Himself. The Psalms are a microcosm of the entire teachings of the Bible. Every major doctrine in the Bible is contained within its pages. King David wrote most of the Psalms and is noted as the sweet psalmist of Israel. Psalm, one opens with a contrast between those who walk in the way of the God or the way of the world and its counsel. Notice the digression in verse one. A godly, blessed man does not **walk** in the counsel of the ungodly, nor does he **stand** in the way of those living a lifestyle of sinning, nor does the godly person **sit** and scorn others.

Sin has a way of slowing us down, causing us to stop and in the end is sitting comfortably with you in your mind and heart. But the godly are not so. The godly person takes great pleasure in hearing God’s words and living life in light of His teachings. This is a way of life with the godly, not a sporadic behavior. The promise is that those who delight in the words of God will be like a tree planted near a river of water that has all the nourishment it needs to put down deep roots. This root system is necessary for producing fruit. Notice the

Psalmist recognizes that even a fruit bearing is seasonal. Even a deep-rooted tree only bears fruit in its season, not year-round.

There has to be a season in your life when you are dormant, quiet before God; allowing your roots to go deep within soil of God’s nature and character, through study and obedience to His Word. By understanding this principle, quiet times and times of “slow-down” will not be a discouragement, but rather welcomed as a dear friend into your life. God promises stability to those who recognize this great principle of “hiding” and “showing” yourself before others. God hides away His choicest servants, sometimes for years, so that He might use them for a greater purpose in the days beyond. (Note the story of Elijah the prophet.) Finally, God promises stability for those who walk in His counsel. They will not be blown away as “chaff.”

### **Prayer and Action Steps**

*Lord, please help me embrace You and your Word. Grant me grace to delight in you day and night. Amen*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

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