*Psalm Series, message # 3*

The Blessed and the Wicked

**Psalm 1**

The book of Psalms opens with a stark contrast and warning:

A contrast between those who are blessed or happy, and those who intentionally neglect the truth of Scripture, called the wicked.

A warning about the downward spiral that leads to judgment.

Observe the negative definition; the blessed are described by what they do not do –

1. walk in the counsel of the wicked
2. stand in the way of sinners
3. sit in the seat of mockers

The parallel passage in the New Testament is **Romans 1:18-32**

Outline the same ‘slippery slope’ from these verses:

vs. 18

vs. 21

vs. 23

vs. 24

vs. 25

vs. 26-27

vs. 28

vs. 29-31

What is the answer to reversing the downward spiral?

What steps do I need to take, to not hear wicked counsel?

What is the goal of living in the Law of the Lord?

Does my life more resemble chaff, or prosperity? That is, do I feel blown about by the wind, or planted by the river, roots down deep