## TWO ROADS

## Date: July 6, 2025 - Psalm 1

Central Idea: Psalm 1 reveals two contrasting roads to life. Which road are you taking?

Introduction: Psalm 1 is the gateway to the rest of the psalms. As a wisdom psalm, this song lays the foundation for the entire Book of Psalms. The author displays the kind of person who is wise and blessed as well as the person who embodies wickedness. They are set alongside one another in stark contrast.

- I. The Way of the Righteous, vv. 1-3
  - 1. Happy, v. 1
    - (1) Walk
    - (2) Stand
    - (3) Sit
  - 2. Word, v. 2
    - (1) Delights
    - (2) Meditates
  - 3. Tree, v. 3
- II. The Way of the Wicked, vv. 4-5
  - 1. Chaff, v. 4
  - 2. Judgment, v. 5
- III. Result, v. 6

Conclusion: What a contrast! Will you choose the path of the righteous or succumb to the way of the wicked? Read Psalm 1 again, this time aloud. Pay close attention to the "walk...stand...sit" picture in the first verse. Honestly now, have you begun to tolerate a few compromises you once rejected? What will it take to get that cleared up? Never doubt the dangers brought on by spiritual, ethical, or moral erosion.