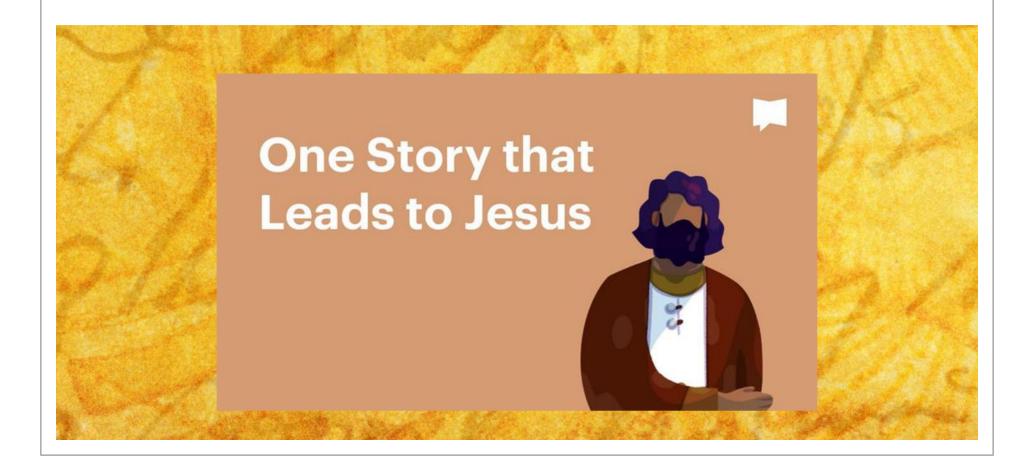
### Psalm 1



## Psalm 1 – Ways to be Human

<sup>1</sup>Happy those who do not walk by the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers.

<sup>2</sup>Rather, the law of the LORD is their joy; God's law they study day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.

<sup>4</sup>But not the wicked! They are like chaff driven by the wind.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not survive judgment, nor will sinners in the assembly of the just.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

# Bad Habits and Company

Happy those who
do not walk by the counsel of the wicked,
nor stand in the way of sinners,
nor sit in company with scoffers.

A **progression** from movement to becoming "stuck" in the habits formed and the company one keeps.

Three destructive ways of being human

### A Good Habits

Rather, the law (torah) of the LORD is their joy; God's law they study day and night.

#### A symmetry

Law (torah) is their joy / delight

Law (torah) they study (<u>meditate</u>)

More you meditate, the more joy

A recommended way of being human ...

leading to?

## Result from Good Habits

They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.

Plant – versus – walk, stand, sit

Imagery echoes Garden of Eden | Tree of Life Meditating on God's wisdom leads to the good life

## Result from Bad Habits

But not the wicked! They are like chaff driven by the wind. Therefore the wicked will not survive judgment, nor will sinners in the assembly of the just

Planted like a tree bearing fruit – versus – empty husk blown in the wind

Will not "survive" – *also* "will not stand" as in "stand in the way of the sinner."

# 2 Ways to be human

The LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

Two ways of being human

The path of the just is to meditate on the Word of God.

### Psalm 1

