

## Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

### Psalm 1: 1-3

#### **New International Version**

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates both day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

#### ***The Message***

*How well God must like you—you don't hang out at Sin Saloon, you don't slink along Dead-End Road, you don't go to Smart-Mouth College. Instead you thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom.*

I imagine this setting as lush, green and fertile; and the stream as pure, spring-fed water. In this natural setting, the stream is ever-flowing bringing much needed moisture for growth and produce. The surrounding basin is teeming with life, both vegetation and animal. The soil is rich with nutrients.

In this setting, the person of God is symbolized by a tree - a strong, healthy tree that is laden with much fruit from season to season. This fruit is actually the fruit that believers bear as a result of the Lord in their lives: people that have received Jesus as Lord can yield much fruit described as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. You can see this fruit in the way they live and act.



Such people "delight in law of the Lord" and think about the Lord frequently - they may ask, "What would Jesus Do? They may seek to be like Jesus, pray to Jesus, and receive him as Lord; and commit themselves to his work, to his will, and to his ways.

(I have committed this scripture to memory because of its beauty and its meaning - why don't you?)