

Part 2 – A Well-Watered Tree or the Chaff

In part 1 we learned that, many times when the Bible speaks of being ‘blessed’ it actually means to be ‘happy’. And the first verse in the first book of Psalms explains *what* will make us truly happy: when we *don’t* walk in the counsels of the ungodly, stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of the scornful. We also learned this doesn’t mean we can’t go around sinners for truly, we’re here to help others come to Jesus Christ (if they are willing to repent and turn to Him). But we shouldn’t look to those who don’t believe in God’s Word (or His Savior, Jesus Christ) for advice (counsel) nor should we get wrapped up in the ‘ways of the world’, which corrupt our soul. And we definitely shouldn’t scorn the Most-High God, for He is our judge! We also learned that those who are truly ‘blessed’ (happy), *delight* in God’s Laws and keep them in their heart and mind (thoughts) day and night. While this doesn’t mean we are to be a religious fanatic, it means we study Gods’ Word *sincerely* to absorb it into our thought process, and allow it to change our heart (desires, emotions and intentions) and mind (thought process) so that we *willingly* obey it the best we can. Sincerely believing in God’s Word truly changes who we are: the way we think and what we desire. We also learned that God’s Laws were not ‘done away with’. While Jesus *fulfilled* the blood sacrifices, His Commandments, Statutes and Judgments are still to be obeyed because God gave them to us *for our good*. But we can still learn from the examples of the blood sacrifices, because they teach us how to crucify our ‘carnal mind’ (our heart, the part of us that wants to sin) so we can have true peace of mind, which is more valuable than anything else in this life. We now continue on with this first chapter, in the great book of Psalms, to see what else those who are ‘blessed’ (happy) are like. But we’ll also see (in comparison) what the ungodly are like...

Psalms 1

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water; that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Now we’re given an analogy of what a man (or woman) who delights in, and meditates on, God’s Word is like: a tree planted by rivers of water. The word ‘planted’ here is # 8362 and means: *to transplant*. So, it refers to a tree planted in a garden (by a good water source), not one that springs up in a field (not close to a water source). This means, when we delight in God’s Word (and His Laws), and think about it throughout the day and night, we’ll be able to bring forth good spiritual fruit because our ‘roots’ (mind and heart) are rooted into the only true source of Living water (*truth*, John 4) that *never* runs dry. In Mth 13, Mk 4 and Luke 8, Jesus gave us an analogy that explains how, when the truth is given to people, they in react different ways, depending on what’s in their heart and mind. Let’s look at the account in the Gospel of Matthew...

18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

*19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the **way side**.*

*20 But he that received the seed into **stony places**, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;*

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. [#4624 enticed to sin, entrap, tripped up]

*22 He also that received seed among the **thorns** is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.*

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matt 13:18-23 [to learn more: **The Rebellion** <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1288>]

As Jesus explains, there's several reasons people don't accept the truth (God's Word). Some are simply too hard hearted (the wayside) for it to even have a chance to sprout. It's easy for Satan (and his agents) to quickly remove any seeds of truth God's servants place in their mind and heart because, they are not at all seeking it. And then there are those who gladly receive the truth but don't stick with it when times get tough, because they simply *have no depth to their soul*. They are likened to the rocky soil because there's too many 'stumbling blocks' in their soul (they don't want to face their own sins) for them to root their heart and mind into God's Word. They are not a well-watered tree. They are therefore easily offended (tripped up, enticed to sin) when hard times come. And then there's those that love the 'good times'. The truth is choked out of their heart and mind because they love themselves instead of God. They live for pleasures of this life instead of wanting to face themselves, clean up their sin and help others find the peace of mind that comes from doing so. They are 'too busy' to study God's Word and thus, they too never grow any roots. They also are not a well-watered tree. But, then there are those who's heart and mind are good ground. It's not hardened like the wayside. It's not rocky nor does their soul have thorns. Though, they are not without sin, they are willing to face themselves and come to God in humble and sincere repentance. They seek God's Word daily and strive to obey it, from their heart. These are the kind of people who actually produce good spiritual fruit, which is defined by Paul in the book of Galatians 5:22-26. The Gospel of Luke says that those *on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience* (Luke 8:15). As Eph 3:17 says, Jesus Christ (His Holy Spirit) dwells in our hearts from the faith we have in Him; we are 'rooted and grounded' into Him (His Word) by the love we have in our heart and mind, for Him, and His Word. So again, when we delight in His Words, we'll be like a well-watered tree that's *rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith* (Col 2:6-7). The book of Jeremiah also uses this analogy that the Psalms does...

5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Jer 17:5-8

Those who trust in God (and His Savior, Jesus Christ) are again likened to a tree planted by waters. They will continuously produce good spiritual fruit because *the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth* (Eph 5:9). However, those who's heart 'departs from God' (vs 5 above), who don't trust in Him (have no faith in Jesus Christ) are like *parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited*. They simply don't have the spiritual nourishment to produce anything good fruit. That's why they become 'workers of iniquity' (Mth 7:21-23). People are not wicked right out of their mother's womb. But, *they become that way*, over time, because they *allow* their heart and mind to become corrupted through the deceitfulness of riches (Mth 13:22, Mk 4:19), lust, pride and other sins (Heb 3:13). Now, Jesus also used this analogy but, in a bit different way. Instead of a tree, He uses a grape vine...

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15:1-6 [learn more: Parable of the Tares - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/251>]

Jesus points out that we must be *spiritually connected to Him* if we want to produce good spiritual fruit *and* live forever. And He likened Himself to a Vine because it was the only way to relate to people, who didn't have modern technology, how to communicate to Him. Today, we have the internet. So, a better analogy for us is the internet. Jesus Christ died to open up an interdimensional communication system (we'll call it an 'internet', to use an analogy we can understand) so we can instantly communicate with Him. As Jesus said, God hears our prayers if we believe in Him (John 14:6). And, when we do believe in Jesus, we'll study His Words and strive to sincerely obey Him. After all, He told us that's what we'd do if we really love Him (John 14:15). And when we do love Him, He sends His Holy Spirit into our soul and communicates with us [learn **How to Get the Holy Spirit of God** with this special study, link here: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1220>]. The purpose is to help us understand *what's already written, in His Word*, because God has *already* given us instructions on what He wants from us, in His Written Word (2 Tim 3:16-17). But His Holy Spirit also teaches us how to sincerely obey His Words in our daily life, *no matter what situation comes up*. Sometimes it's hard to remember God's Word when you're 'on the spot', but His Holy Spirit will help us, *if* we trust in Him and

stay focused on, and committed to, obeying His Word. Learning to discern the Holy Spirit apart from the carnal mind [and evil spirits] (1 John 4:1), *and* how to *obey* the Holy Spirit (once you learn when He is truly ‘talking’ [spiritually] to you), is part of learning to ‘walk in the Spirit’, as Paul coins it in Galatians 5. [Learn how to ‘walk in the Spirit’ with this audio study on: **Hearing God** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyAudios/39>]. You can also learn more about the ‘Vine’ (the interdimensional ‘internet’) in the two-part series below...

The Vine – Part 1 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/992>

The Vine – Part 2 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/993>

So, those who love God’s Word, sincerely study it, and strive to obey it, *from their heart*, are those who are truly ‘blessed’ (happy) in life, because God’s truth (Word) and Holy Spirit is what gives us true peace of mind. Consequently, they are likened to a well-watered tree that consistently produces good fruit. If you take God’s Word into you, you can’t help but become a different person. His Word changes who you are *from the inside out*. That’s what Paul calls it putting on the ‘new man’ in Eph 4:24, Col 2:10. Essentially, Jesus Christ has given us access to that ‘Tree of Life’ that Adam lost the right to partake of after he and Eve fell to sin. So, we truly are ‘blessed’ (happy) indeed when we can obtain the living waters from the only one *true* fountain of Life, as it is written...

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Ps 36:9

Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

Ps 68:26

The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Prov 13:14

The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Prov 14:27

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Joel 3:18

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev 21:6

But, what of those who don’t delight in Gods’ Word? What are they like?

Psalms 1

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

To understand this, we must understand what ‘chaff’ is. It’s the husk that covers grain. While it’s needed while the grain is growing (for protection), when harvest time comes it is separated from the wheat (or any grain with a husk) because, once the wheat is ready for harvest, the husk (chaff) is utterly useless. It’s of no value anymore. It’s also important to understand how the husk is removed from the wheat berry. Before modern technology, they used to fan it with fans to blow the chaff away while the berries would remain on the ground. *That’s* why God uses this analogy to explain the wicked. Not only are the wicked useless (to God and to those who are righteous) but they will also be ‘fanned’ away and burned in the ‘lake of fire’ at the end of the Millennium (Rev 20). The Word of God uses this analogy elsewhere too...

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

*24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and **the flame consumeth the chaff**, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.*

Isa 5:20-24

In this chapter of Isaiah, God warns what will happen to the wicked – who are those who *call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter*. In other words, those who deny the truth (Jesus Christ) and sin willfully, without repentance. They will be devoured in the flame of His righteous indignation when Jesus Christ returns to earth and executes the ‘day of vengeance’ (1 Thess 1:7-9). And, as Isa 61:2 declares, the ‘day of vengeance’ is what ‘comforts all that mourn’ for the wickedness that’s done on earth.

10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

*11 **Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you.***

12 And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.

Isa 33:10-12

Here again God warns us what will happen to the wicked when Jesus Christ returns (i.e. when He rises up, vs 10). And He uses the analogy of a woman conceiving children to warn them that all their works will only ‘bring forth’ chaff. In other words, their wickedness won’t do them any good. People become wicked because they follow their carnal mind (their heart). And they end up doing horrible things to satisfy their lusts, greed, pride and selfishness (etc.). They do so

because they don't think anything bad will come of it. But, God points out that their wicked works will bring them (in the end) none of the things they desired. As Ps 112:10 says: *the desire of the wicked shall perish*. Psalms 37 also does a beautiful job of expressing this point. [to learn more, check out this special study on this Palm - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/297>].

26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

Jer 23:26-30

Now, in this chapter, God is coming down hard on 'false prophets' who make up lies and say that God said it. And He does so because they cause people to 'forget His name'. This means they twist His Word so badly that people can't understand the truth. And, in doing so, they truly blaspheme His name. This angers God immensely, understandably so. And He warns that His Word is *like fire*. Before that, He asks what the chaff is to the wheat, implying that these false prophets are like the chaff... useless and easily burned in the fire of God's truth. Deut 4:24, 9:3 and Heb 12:29 declares that *God is a consuming fire*. And the same words that warm and give life to the hearts of those who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, also burn incredibly hot in the hearts of those consumed by Satan's lies. In 2 Thess 2:8, Paul warns us that when 'that wicked' one (Satan) is 'revealed' (kicked out of heaven before the true Jesus Christ returns) he will be consumed with the Spirit of Jesus' mouth when the true Jesus returns. And this is because, Satan is coming to earth (again, before the true Jesus Christ) to lie to the world and cause everyone to think he's the Messiah (the 'Savior' of the world) ... when the reality is he's the Devil himself. [How Can Satan Deceive the Whole World - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/380>]. So, all false prophets (including *the* 'false prophet', Satan) will be spiritually devoured by God's Holy Mouth (with His Words) at the return of Jesus Christ. And, while Satan is already condemned to spiritual death (Ezek 28, Rev 20), anyone else who doesn't repent for their wicked sins (especially being a false prophet) will also be pitched into the lake of fire, at the end of the Millennium (Rev 20), so the rest of God's children can live peacefully in the eternity without trouble makers.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

*12 **Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.***

Matt 3:7-12

This is John the Baptist speaking here. And, he knew the *Pharisees and Sadducees* quite well. He discerned they did not come to repent, but were trying to figure out what John was preaching because John was brining in large crowds of people. This concerned them because they didn't want to lose any 'followers' who 'padded their pockets' and gave them honor and glory for being the supposed 'religious men' in the community (Ecc 1:9). So, John warns them what would happen to all those who did not sincerely repent, and accept the Messiah (Jesus Christ), that God had sent to Israel (yea, the world). So, what analogy did John use to explain what would ultimately happen to the wicked who don't sincerely repent? Yes, he used the same analogy this Psalms 1 does. John warned that, at Jesus' Second Advent, Jesus will spiritually 'burn up' the wicked with His 'fiery' words of truth. And, ultimately, if they don't repent during the Millenium (the thousand years of teaching when Jesus Christ reigns with His loyal followers after He returns to earth), they'll be totally burn up, just like chaff is totally consumed by fire... never to exist again in any form or fashion (Rev 20).

Psalms 1

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

The word 'stand' here is #6965 and means: *to rise*. And the word 'congregation' means: *a stated assemblage* (specifically, a *concourse*, or generally, *a family or crowd*) (#5712). This word is often used throughout the Old Testament to refer to the nation of Israel. So, this verse is telling us that the ungodly (sinners) won't rise to positions of power in the congregation of the righteous... which is what? The Kingdom of God. There will be no ungodly or sinners in the Body of Christ because Christ's 'Body' is His eternal government. 2 Tim 2:19 says: *the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.* Those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and King *must* depart from iniquity **if** they want to be a part of His eternal government (i.e. the Body of Christ). You see, God has already suffered seeing His government be corrupted. It happened back in the first earth age. [If you don't know about the first earth age, check out the study on the **3 World Ages** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/190?single> and the study on how **Satan was Once a High Priest** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/423>]. As the chapter of Ezekiel explains, God created Satan to govern this world in the first earth age. But his pride corrupted his heart and caused him to stop executing God's righteous laws; and he began to oppress God's children, as well as to teach them how to rebel against God too. Satan became such a good liar, and deceiver, that he eventually caused an entire 1/3 of God's children to rebel

against Him [learn more in: **The Rebellion** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1288>]. After that, God deposed Satan from his position of power but, He did not put an end to his life right then because God is using Satan to carry out the ‘negative’ part of His plan of Salvation – which is to test His children to see where their loyalty (and love) really lies. As the history of the earth shows us, innocent people can easily be killed if a ruler doesn’t know for sure who is for and against him. So, to sort this out (and in hopes of turning many of His children back to Him) God instead decided to destroy that ‘earth age’ and create a new one where all His children would come to this earth in a flesh body (instead of a material body we were in while on earth, at that time – learn more: **Spiritual and Material Dimensions** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>). What this did was allow God’s children to have the memory of what happened at the first earth age wiped clean (which we’ll get back after we die in the flesh and go to the heavenly dimension we came from), essentially giving them a ‘new start’ to choose between right (God Almighty) and wrong (Satan).

And all of this is important to understand because, while this 5th verse in the first Psalms says the ungodly and sinners won’t be allowed to rise up into positions of power... they still do in this world. So, we must understand what God is speaking of. He’s talking about the ‘first resurrection’ that comes when Jesus Christ returns. For only those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ will rule the world with Jesus Christ when He returns (Rev 20:4-6). And we must remain faithful to the *true* Jesus Christ, even if we’re living during the ‘tribulation of the antichrist’, which is when Satan is kicked out of heaven (as Rev 12-13, Dan 7-12 and 2 Thess warns us of) to earth, to try and fool as many of God’s children (on earth) into believing he is the Messiah, the ‘Savior’ of the world. Sadly, as many Churches that teach people ‘traditions of man’ (such as the **Rapture Theory** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/334>), it won’t be too hard for Satan to fool most people into worshipping him, and his wicked governmental ‘beast’ system (Rev 13). But he won’t be without opposition. The book of Daniel, as well as Rev 11-13, tells us there will be some who remain faithful to the true Jesus Christ; and they will work hard to pull as many people, as possible, out of Satan’s deception. That’s why, of course, Rev 12 tells us that Satan will be wroth (extremely angry) with the ‘woman’ (those who remain loyal to the true Jesus Christ) and he’ll persecute those people with a vengeance. Likely, he won’t do anything to them physically (except the two witnesses, as Rev 11 says) but he will pour out a ‘flood’ of lies to try and deceive them (Rev 12:15). But that doesn’t mean he won’t coerce other people into persecuting those who resist Satan and his ‘beast’ system. And the reality is, we living today will likely be facing this ‘time of Jacob’s trouble’ (Jer 30:7) – a.k.a. the ‘tribulation of the antichrist’ (Satan), because of what Jesus told us in the **parable of the Fig Tree** [learn more about this in the special study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/950>]. Therefore, it behooves us who want to be ‘blessed’ (happy) to prepare ourselves for that time by making sure we do what this precious Psalms has told us to, and *have no part with the wicked*. This also means facing ourselves and cleaning out any sin we still secretly hold inside our heart. Learn more in the special studies below...

Purging - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1125>

The Heart of the Spiritual Battle - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1128>

Incline Your Heart - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/980>

Additionally, there's also another Psalms that tells us exactly what those who will stand in God's congregation are like. Since it's a short one, let's take a look at the whole thing...

1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

*5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. **He that doeth these things shall never be moved.***

Ps 15 (A Psalm of David)

This Psalm beautifully explains the kind of characteristics those who will reign with Jesus Christ (i.e. the Body of Christ) during the Millenium have. We should, therefore, remember this vital Psalm if we want to be a part of the *true* Christ's Body! Of course, we can also review what Jesus told us to do to be 'blessed' (happy) in Mth 5:1-12 to find out more [check it out with **The Sermon on the Mount, Part 1 of 5**- <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/397>].

Psalms 1

*6 For the LORD knoweth **the way** of the righteous [2 Tim 2:19]: but **the way** of the ungodly shall perish.*

A couple words to dissect here...

'**Knoweth**' is #3045 and means: *to know* (properly, *to ascertain by seeing*); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including *observation, care, recognition*; and causatively, *instruction, designation, punishment*, etc.)

'**Perish**' is #6 and means: *to wander away*, i.e. *lose oneself*; by implication *to perish* (causative, *destroy*). [Special note: this is the prim root of the word 'Abaddon' in Rev 9:11]

So, first off, when we're told that the Lord (YHVH) 'knoweth' the way of the righteous, it means that He knows that the righteous, are righteous, and that's because He sees everything (good and bad) that His children are doing. **He even can read the thoughts of our mind and desires, intentions and emotions of our heart** (1 Chron 28:9, 1 Kings 8:39, Ps 7:9, Ps 11:4-5, Prov 17:3, Ps 44:20-21, Ps 94:11, Jer 17:9-10, Matt 9:4, Matt 12:25, Luke 5:22, Luke 6:8, Luke 11:17, Luke 24:38, Acts 15:7-9, 1 Cor 3:20, Heb 4:12, 1 Thess 2:4, Rom 8:26-27, 1 John 3:20-21). **So, there are no 'secret sins' for anyone** (Ps 11:4, Ps 34:15-16, Ps 90:8, Prov 5:21, Prov 15:3, Prov 16:2, Eccl 12:13-14, Jer 17:9-10, Ps 44:20-21, Ps 94:11, Dan 2:20-22, Acts 15:8-9, 1 John 3:18-20, 1 Cor 4:5). Consider just a few places that speak of this...

*And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for **the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts**: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.*

1 Chron 28:9

*Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (**for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;**)*

1 Kings 8:39

*4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: **his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.***

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

Ps 11:4-5

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

*21 Shall not God search this out? for **he knoweth the secrets of the heart.***

Ps 44:20-21

*Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, **our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.***

Ps 90:8

*For God shall bring every work into judgment, **with every secret thing**, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

Eccl 12:14

*For **there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested**; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.*

Mark 4:22

So, this is why He ‘knoweth’ (ascertains by seeing) ‘they way’ of the righteous – because He knows our heart and mind! Consequently, He also knows ‘the way’ of the wicked, which is why this Psalms 1:6 then says that *the way of the ungodly shall **perish***. And remember, ‘**perish**’ is #6 and means: **to wander away**, i.e. **lose oneself**; by implication **to perish** (causative, **destroy**). How do we ‘lose’ ourself? By ‘wandering away’ from God’s Word! Heb 6:19 tells us that our faith in Jesus Christ is ‘an anchor of the soul’. This means God’s Word is what keeps us from drifting away from God. And remember what Jer 17:5 said? *Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and **whose heart departeth from the LORD.*** Those who allow their heart (desires, intentions, emotions) and mind (thought process) to ‘wander’ away from God shall perish. This means they’ll be spiritually destroyed, at the end of the Millennium, **if** they don’t make a good repentance before then and prove, by their works

(Rev 20:12-13), that they are not incorrigible rebels. Consider a few Scriptures that speak of this...

*But **the wicked shall perish**, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into **smoke shall they consume away**.*

Ps 37:20

This is one of the most graphic accounts in the Bible that explains (in detail) the way the wicked will perish after the Great White Throne Judgment (after the Millennium, Rev 20). Like smoke goes up into the air and then dissipates into *nothing*... so too will this happen to the body, soul and spirit of all the wicked – to all those who refuse to repent for their sins and accept Jesus Christ.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

*27 For, lo, **they that are far from thee shall perish**: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.*

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Ps 73:26-28

All that are ‘far’ from God are far away from Him spiritually. As He says in Isa 29:13, most of His children draw ‘near’ to Him ‘with their mouth’ and their ‘lips’ do honor Him but, their heart is ‘far from Him’ and their ‘fear towards’ Him is ‘taught by the precept of men’ (i.e. traditions of man). In other words, though they claim they love and serve Him, the reality is, in their heart (desires, emotions and intentions) they don’t really love Him at all – they are just pretending to because they’d rather ‘play Church’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>] than seriously study His Word and serve Him despite the persecutions that come from doing so. The bottom line is therefore that: they *don’t* love, trust or obey Him (Mth 7:21-23). People like this will spiritually perish (not exist anymore) after the Millennium, **if** they don’t sincerely repent and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and king.

6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.

*9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, **thine enemies shall perish**; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.*

Ps 92:6-9

The foolish and ‘brutish’ (#1198, stupid) person doesn’t realize that God’s (and Jesus’) enemies will be fully destroyed (perish) at the end of the Millennium. That’s why they do wicked things. But, as verse 6 says, they are stupid, *not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God* (Matt 22:29) ... and *that’s* why they are wicked.

*A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies **shall perish**.*

Prov 19:9

All unrepentant false witnesses and liars will perish, for it is written...

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

*27 And there shall in no wise enter into it **any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie**: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

Rev 21:22-27

So, while it might seem like the wicked ‘get ahead’ in this life, they really don’t. What they are truly doing is ‘digging their own grave’. For, while some people think repenting is an easy thing, it’s really not. Especially when you’ve allowed your heart and mind to be so corrupted that you even sear your own conscience, as 1 Tim 4:2 refers to. True, honest and sincere repentance is not quick, nor easy. That’s why people get a thousand years of teaching, in hopes they will truly repent. But, some still won’t and it’ll be smoke time for them. But, thankfully, some will and that’s why God gave Jesus a thousand years before the Great White Throne Judgment. However, there will indeed be a judgment when the true Jesus Christ returns. For that’s where the faithful followers of Jesus Christ are rewarded with eternal life (i.e. the ‘first resurrection’, spoken of in Rev 20:4-6) while the others have to wait until the Millenium to see if, *by their works*, they have obtained eternal life. Let’s close this great first chapter in Psalms with a reminder from another Psalms...

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

Ps 37:7, 20, 34

[To learn more about this great acrostic Psalm, check out this special study called: **The Elect’s Instructions** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/297>].

AMEN.