

Psalm 1
The Happiness of Fruitfulness

Introduction

1. Path of Happiness 1:1-2

1 Blessed =

1. Sinful advice - counsel of the wicked
2. Sinful action - path/way of sinners
3. Sinful attitude - seat of scoffers

2 v. 1 - negative / v. 2 - positive

(How does God's way lead to happiness?)

Vv. 3-4 - two pictures worth a thousand words)

The psalmist uses two contrasting similes to add potency to the persuasive force of his message

2. Picture of Happiness 1:3-4

Contrast -

Four truths from these pictures

1. planted (v. 3)
2. in its season (v. 3)
3. don't be fooled by imitations (v. 4)
4. the chaff had close contact with the grain, but it had no life (v 4)

3. Prospect of Happiness 1:5-6

Conclusion

Psalm 1 is an advanced organizer for the Psalter

IDEA –

Psalm 1 is a song pointing toward a happy life, and