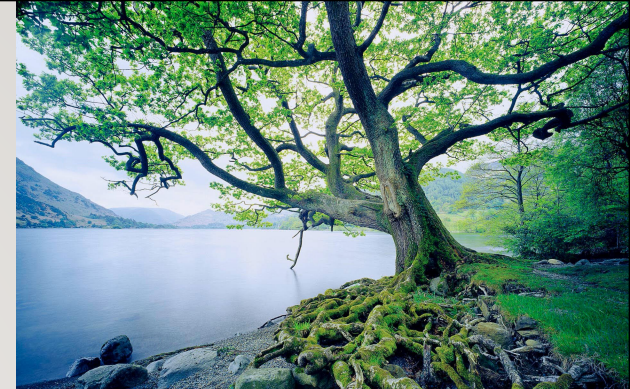




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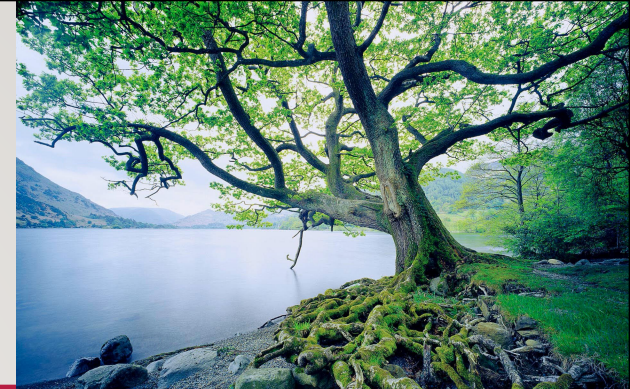
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PSALM I CONTEXT



1 Make a **joyful noise** unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with **gladness**:

Come before his presence with singing. (Ps 100:1, KJV)

1 **How long**, LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

2 **How long** must I wrestle with my thoughts

and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me? (Ps 13:1-2, NIV)

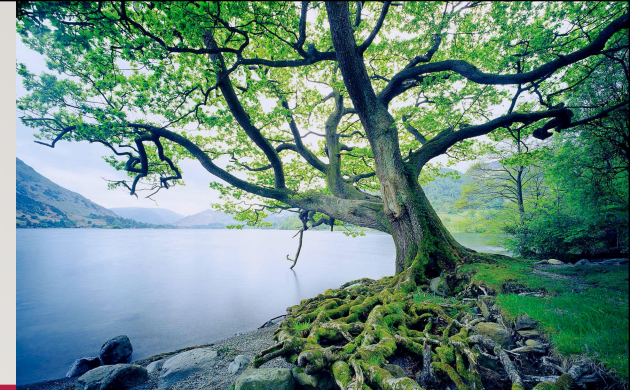
O give **thanks** unto the LORD, for he is good:

For his mercy endureth for ever. (Ps 107:1, KJV)

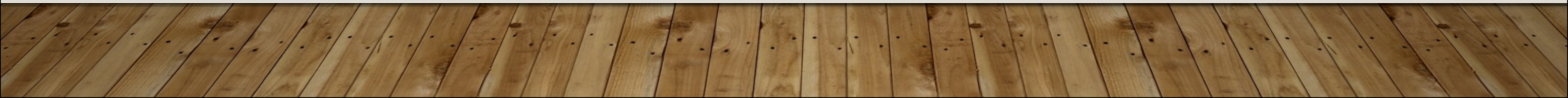


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PSALM I WISDOM PSALM



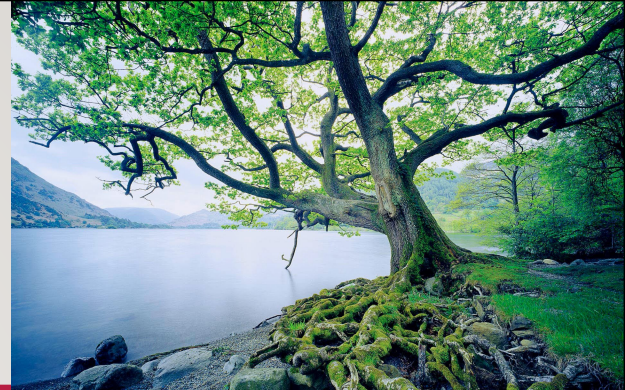
For the **wisdom** of this world is **foolishness** in God's sight. (1 Cor 3:19a, NIV)





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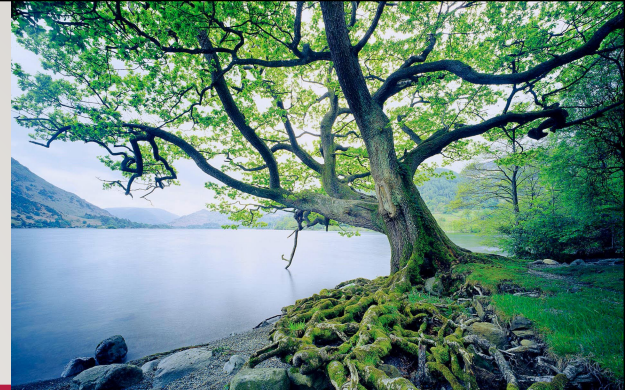


- **Praise** be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. **Amen** and **Amen**. (Ps 41:13, NIV)
- **Praise** be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. **Amen** and **Amen**. (Ps 72:19, NIV)
- **Praise** be to the LORD forever! **Amen** and **Amen**. (Ps 89:52, NIV)
- **Praise** be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, “**Amen!**” **Praise** the LORD. (Ps 106:48, NIV)
- Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. **Praise** the LORD. (Ps 150:6, NIV)



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PSALM 1:1 PARALLELISM



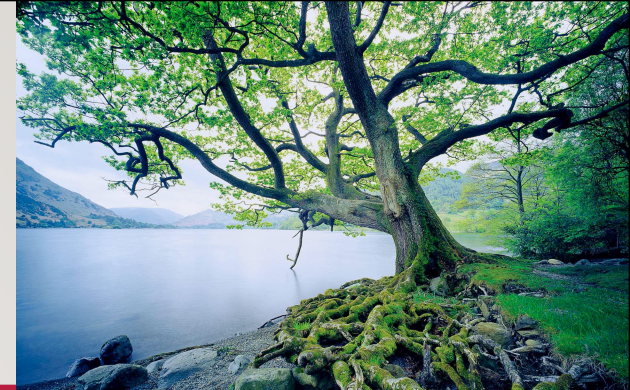
I The heavens **declare** the glory of God;
the skies **proclaim** the work of his hands. (Ps 19:1, NIV)

I Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his **sanctuary**;
praise him in his **mighty heavens**. (Ps 150:1, NIV)



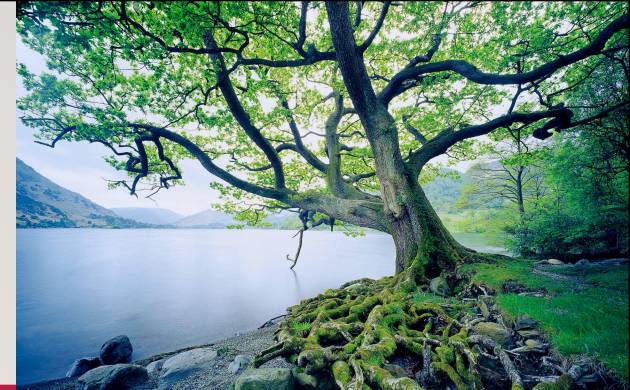
PSALM 1:1 PARALLEL PROGRESSION



Blissful is the one who does not **walk** in the counsel of the wicked,
or **stand** in the way of sinners,
or **dwell** in the assembly of mockers (Ps 1:1,AT)



PSALM 1:1 WALKING THE WRONG WAY

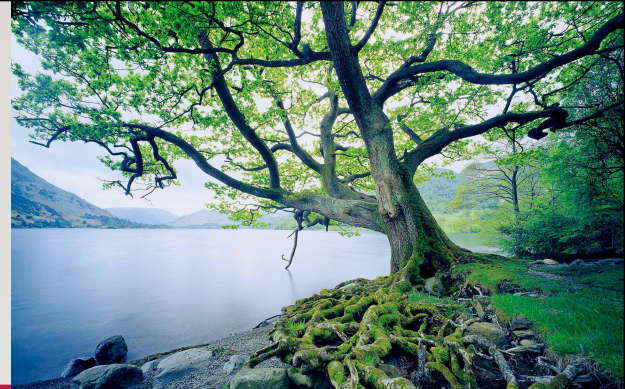


- They **claim to know God**, but by their **actions** they **deny** him. (Tit 1:16a, NIV)
- Whoever **claims** to live in him must **live as Jesus did**. (1 Jn 2:6, NIV)
- Whoever says, “I **know** him,” but **does not do what he commands** is a **liar**, and the truth is not in that person. (1 Jn 2:4, NIV)



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PSALM 1:1 MOCKERS



7 Whoever corrects a **mockers** invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.

8 Do not rebuke **mockers** or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you. (Pr 9:7-8, NIV)

“Do not **give dogs what is sacred**; do not **throw your pearls to pigs**. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces. (Mt 7:6, NIV)

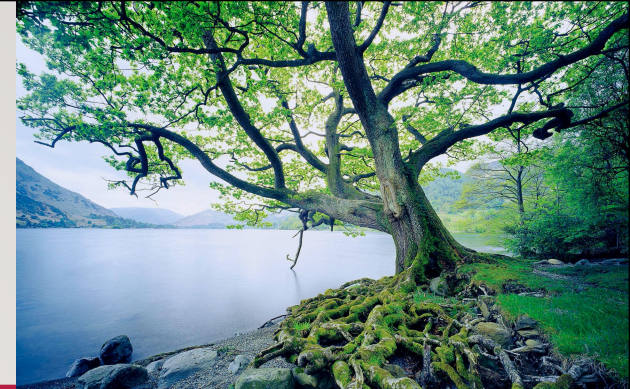
34 He mocks proud mockers

but shows favor to the humble and oppressed. (Pr 3:34, NIV)



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PSALM 1:1 AMERICAN SELF-FULFILLMENT

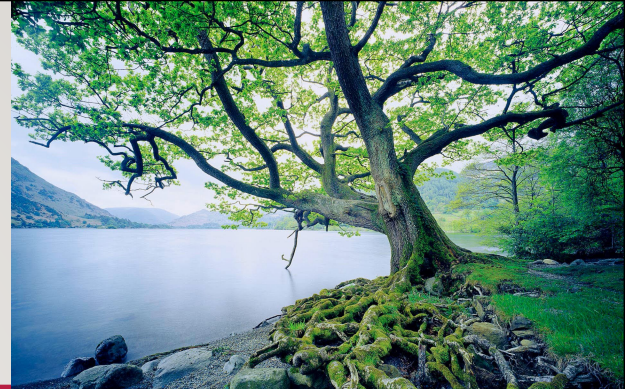


- The highest goal of life is to **enjoy** it as much as possible” (84%).
- “To be fulfilled in life, you should pursue the things **you desire** most” (86%).
- “The best way to find yourself is by looking **within yourself**” (91%).



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PSALM 1:1 TRUE BLISS

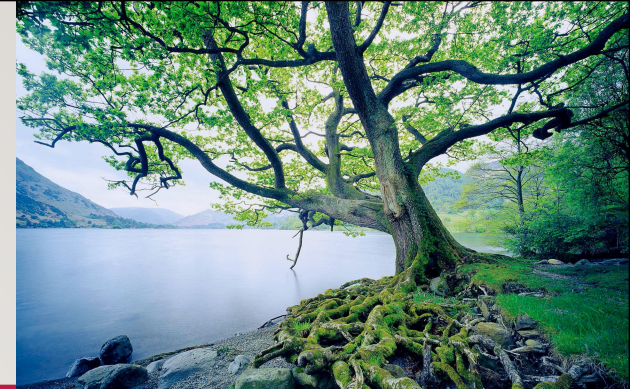


Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers,
and **blessed** is the one who trusts in the LORD. (Pr 16:20, NIV)

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who **walk** according to the **law** of the LORD. (Ps 119:1, NIV)



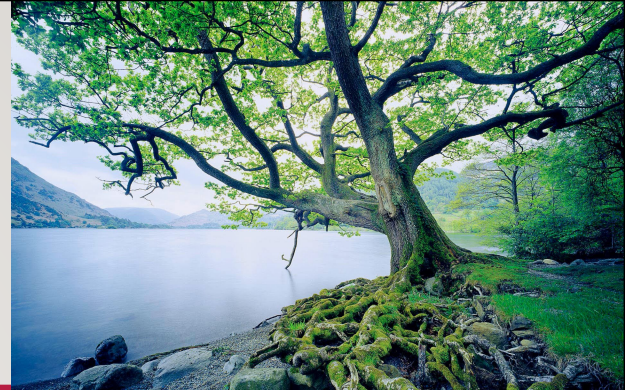
PSALM 1:1 THE UNPOPULAR, ULTIMATELY FULFILLING WAY



- “Woe to you when **everyone speaks well of you**, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.” (Lk 6:26, NIV)
- I I “Blessed are you when people **insult** you, **persecute** you and **falsely say all kinds of evil** against you **because of me**. I 2 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they **persecuted the prophets** who were before you.” (Mt 5:11-12, NIV)
- Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they **persecuted me**, they will **persecute you** also. (Jn 15:20a, NIV)



PSALM 1:2 LAW, INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTIONS

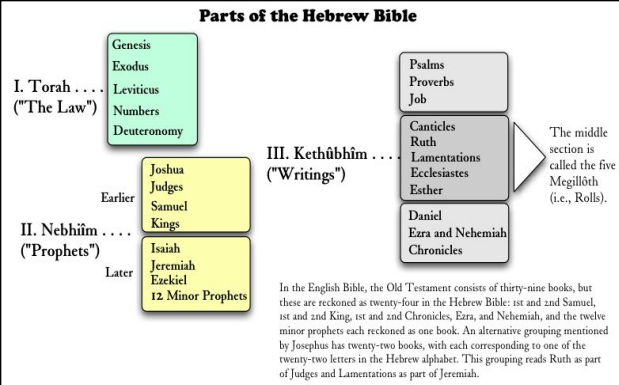


but rather in the law of the **LORD** they delight;

and on **His** law they meditate day and night (**Ps 1:2, AT**)

She speaks with wisdom,

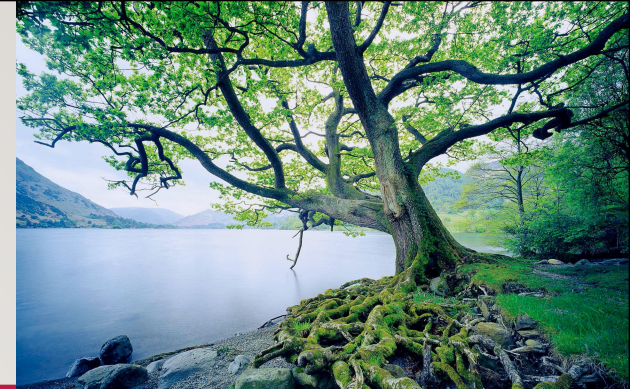
and faithful instruction [*torah*] is on her tongue. (Pr 31:26, NIV)



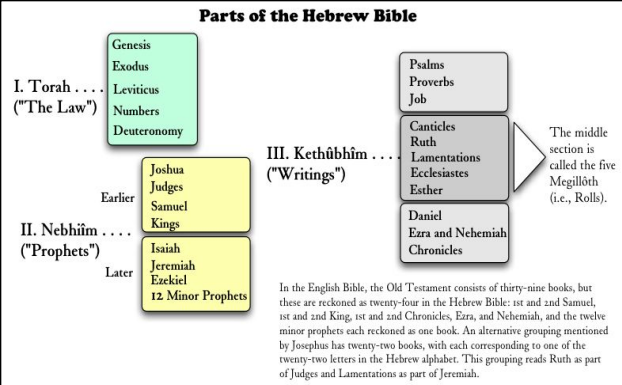
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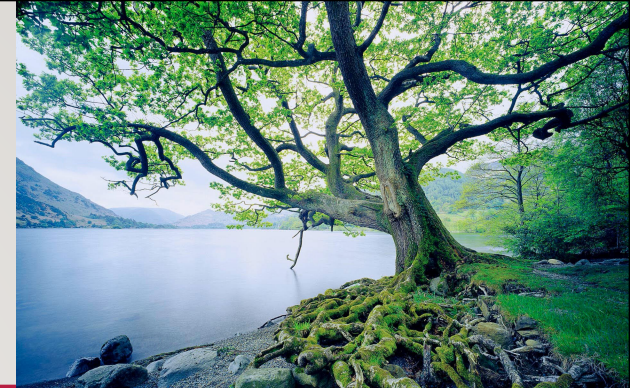
THE LORD'S INSTRUCTIONS



- He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the **Law of Moses**, the **Prophets** and the **Psalms**.” (Lk 24:44, NIV)
- Keep this Book of the **Law** [*torah*] always on your **lips**; **meditate** on it **day and night**, so that you may be careful to **do** everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Jos 1:8, NIV)
- “Remember the **law** [*torah*] of my servant Moses, the decrees and **laws** [*torah*] I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. (Mal 4:4, NIV)



PSALM 1:2 MEDITATE ON THE LORD'S INSTRUCTIONS



- Thy **word** have I **hid in mine heart**, That I might **not sin** against thee. (Ps 119:11, KJV)

97 Oh, how I love your **law** [*torah*]!

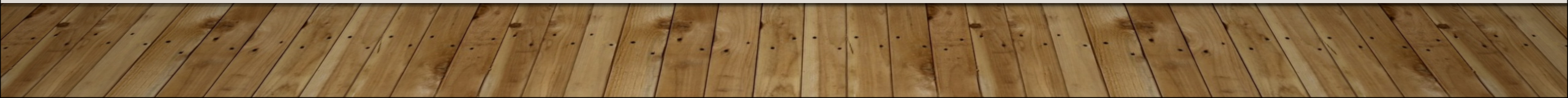
I **meditate** on it all day long.

98 Your commands are always with me

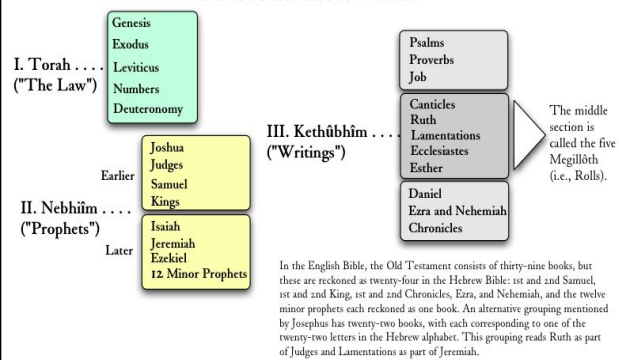
and make me **wiser than my enemies**.

99 I have **more insight than all my teachers**,

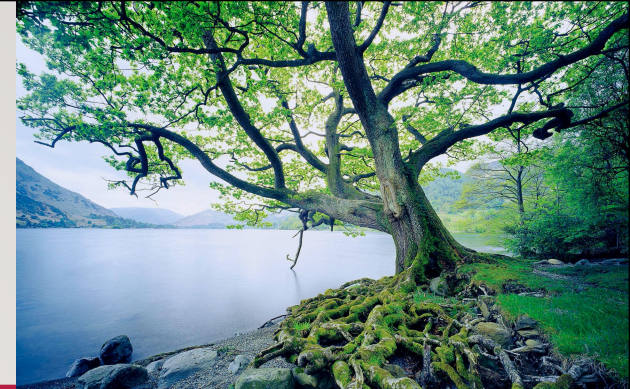
for I **meditate** on your statutes. (Ps 119:97-99, NIV)



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PSALM 1:2 MEDITATE ON THE LORD'S INSTRUCTIONS



I 03 How **sweet** are your words to my taste,

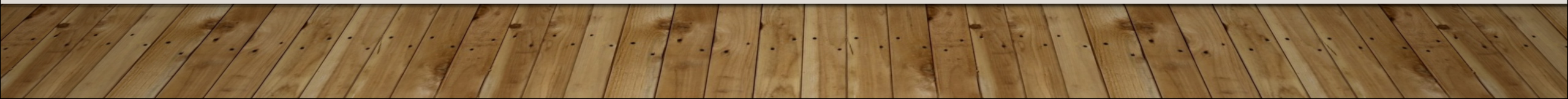
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

I 04 I gain understanding from your precepts;

therefore I hate every wrong path.

I 05 Your word is a **lamp** for my **feet**,

a **light** on my **path**. (Ps 119:103-105, NIV)





PSALM 1:3 GODLY PROSPERITY



And they are like a tree (trans)planted by streams of water;

which gives fruit in its season;

and whose leaf does not wither;

whatever they do prospers (Ps 1:3, AT)

so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,

but will accomplish what I desire

and **achieve the purpose [נְלִץ | *ṣālah*]** for which I sent it. (Is 55:11, NIV)

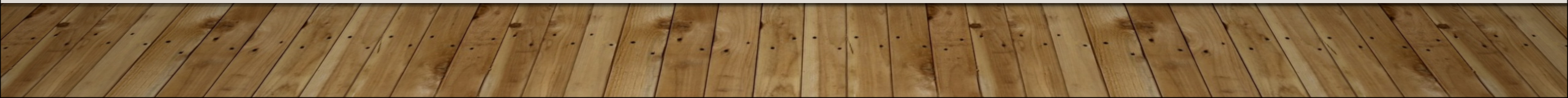


PSALM 1:4 GONE WITH THE WIND



Not so the wicked;

but rather, they are like chaff that the wind blows away (Ps 1:4, AT).

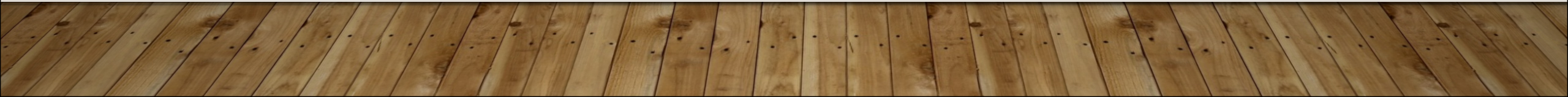




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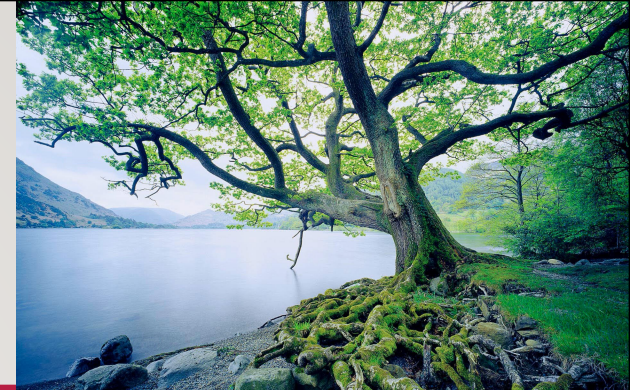
**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous (Ps 1:5,AT).**





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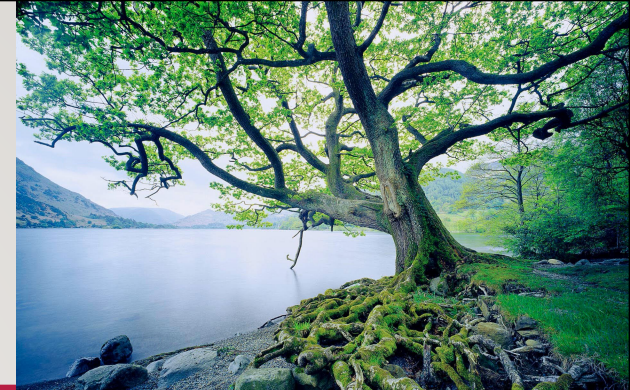


**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. (Ps 1:6,AT)**



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5 This is what the LORD says:

“**Cursed** is the one who **trusts in man**,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

6 That person will be like a **bush in the wastelands**;
they **will not see prosperity** when it comes.

They will dwell in the **parched places of the desert**,
in a salt land where no one lives.

7 “But **blessed** is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.

8 They will be **like a tree planted by the water**
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its **leaves are always green**.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and **never fails to bear fruit.**” (Jer 17:5-8, NIV)



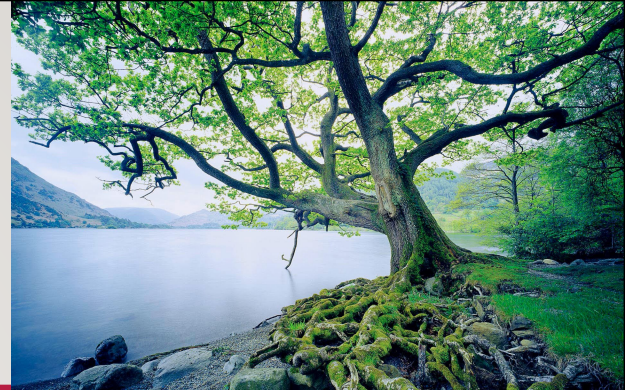
PSALM 1:6 TWO WAYS, TWO DESTINATIONS



- For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **believes in him** shall **not perish** (ἀπόλλυμι | *apollymi*) but **have eternal life**. (Jn 3:16, NIV)
- But everyone who **hears these words** of mine and **does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his **house on sand**. (Mt 7:26, NIV)
- 13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and **broad is the road that leads to destruction**, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and **narrow the road that leads to life**, and only a few find it. (Mt 7:13-14, NIV)



THE LORD LISTENS TO THOSE WHO LISTEN



The LORD is **far from the wicked**,
but he **hears the prayer of the righteous**. (Pr 15:29, NIV)

The LORD **detests** the **sacrifice** of the **wicked**,
but the **prayer** of the **upright** **pleases** him. (Pr 15:8, NIV)

If anyone turns a **deaf ear** to my **instruction [torah]**,
even their **prayers are detestable**. (Pr 28:9, NIV)