

Lecture 6 – How to Read & Apply Biblical Poetry, III (cont.)

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 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.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

But the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1

Key Terms

Analyze, interpret, apply

Lecture Objectives

*Analyze, interpret and apply Psalm 1.

Preliminary Questions

*Having examined Psalm 1, how would you approach teaching it? What would be your main themes? How would you use Psalm 1 as an introduction to the rest of Psalms?

How to Read and Apply Biblical Poetry, III (cont.)

I. How to Read and Apply Biblical Poetry

A. “Literary Competence” and Interpretation

B. What is the Essence of Biblical Poetry?

C. The Debate over Parallelism

*D. Examination of Psalm 1: Structure and Meaning

See handout: Psalm (Appendix 2)

What did you learn from this exercise?

How would you summarize the main principles of reading and applying biblical poetry?