



BIBLEWAY

# The Bible

*How do I read it?*

Walk with Jesus, *Read with Us*



**Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man**

**who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,**

**nor stands in the way of sinners,**

**nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

**2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,**

**and on his law he meditates day and night.**

**3 He is like a tree**

**planted by streams of water**

**that yields its fruit in its season,**

**and its leaf does not wither.**

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

**4 The wicked are not so,**

**but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

## **Observation**

- 1. Definition of Words**
- 2. What words are repeated?**
- 3. How is the passage structured? (Poetry, commands, narrative?)**
- 4. What contrasts, causes, or connections are explicit?**



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### **Interpretation**

1. What did this mean to the original audience?
2. How does grammar, context, or genre shape meaning?
3. Why is this said here in the flow of the book?

**Work toward a principle statement**

## **Psalm 1:1-4 Interpretation Principle**

**Pursuing corrupt company makes me self-interested, erratic, and judgmental. This will lead to a fragile and meaningless life = Unhappy**

**Enjoying God's Word will make me calm(meditative), secure, and a life-giving person = Happy**

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### **Application**

- 1. What does obedience look like today?**
- 2. Life-change - What does this expose/ change in my life?**
- 3. Spirit-empowered - How can I invite the Spirit to change me?**