

# THE WAY





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. <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> 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.



<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.




Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?  
2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.  
3 “Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.” 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. 5 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 6 “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”



<sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 1 & 2)



A paved road with a white center line stretches from the foreground into the distance, flanked by fields of tall grass. The sky is filled with large, dark, dramatic clouds, suggesting an overcast or stormy day. The overall mood is contemplative and somewhat somber.

# **Obstacles On the Way**



# Opposition From Those Around Us

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.

Psalm 1:1



# Opposition From Those With Authority

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. <sup>3</sup> “Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

Psalm 2:1–3



# Opposition From Those With Authority

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Psalm 2:10



# **The Normal Christian Life**

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:12



A landscape photograph featuring a paved road with a white center line that recedes into the distance. The road is flanked by fields of tall, dry grass. In the background, there are trees and distant hills under a dramatic, cloudy sky with dark, heavy clouds and patches of lighter blue. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

**Our  
Comfort:  
God's  
Sovereignty**



# Psalm 1 - God Sovereignly Blesses

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. <sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1:3–6



# Psalm 2 - God Sovereignly Rules

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Psalm 2:7–9



A scenic landscape featuring a paved road that recedes into the distance, flanked by fields of tall grass and hay bales. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds, with a bright light source breaking through near the horizon, creating a soft glow. The overall mood is one of hope and forward movement.

# APPLYING THE WORD



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Sovereign Comfort





Knowing all of these things, what is your only comfort in life and death?

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, from this day forth, to live unto him.



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