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1. How bless-ed is the man whose walk is not
 In e-vil coun-sel which the wick-ed plot,
 Who does not stand where sin its pleas-ure of-fers
 And will not take his seat a-mong the scoff-ers;
 But his de-light is in God's cov'-nant law:
 By night and day he pon-ders it with awe.

2. Behold, the righteous man is like a tree
 Which by the streams yields fruit abundantly,
 Whose leaves are green and shall not fade or perish;
 In all he does, the righteous one shall flourish.
 But wicked men are not like him, for they
 Resemble chaff that winds will drive away.

3. Their downfall and destruction is at hand:
 The wicked shall not in the judgment stand,
 Nor sinners in the righteous congregation.
 The LORD our God shall judge their generation;
 He watches o'er the way of righteous men,
 But doomed forever is the way of sin.

1. How blest is he who shuns the path of sin,
 Who spurns the counsel of unrighteous men
 And will not seek the company of scoffers;
 Their way of life to him no pleasure offers.
 But in the law of God is his delight;
 On it he meditates both day and night.

2. Those who the precepts of the LORD obey
 And from His good commandments do not stray
 Are like a tree which, planted by a river,
 Is lush and green: its leaves will never wither,
 And it in season yields abundant fruit.
 So they will thrive, whatever their pursuit.

3. Not so the wicked! For like chaff are they –
 Like worthless chaff. The wind blows it away.
 When judgment comes, they'll stand condemned and humbled,
 Cast out from where the righteous are assembled.
 The LORD will guard the pathway of the just;
 The way of sinners leads to death and dust.

