

**Psalm 1:4: “The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away”**

Not so the ungodly! Not so! The ungodly are nothing like the godly! The godly do not walk (or conduct themselves in their lives) like the ungodly; they DO NOT listen to or follow their ungodly opinions nor their ungodly counsel.

The godly DO NOT LIVE habitually sinful lives, nor do they STAND in the way of sinners. The godly walk not according to the “course of this world”, that is NOT THEIR WAY! Last, the godly do not SIT in the scorner’s seat.

Ungodly, sinners might “hide and mask” their ungodliness under the color, appearance, and “form of godliness” but in their inner being, they are rotten to the core, full of hypocrisy and iniquity, and NOTHING LIKE the godly!

How might we KNOW a “masked Christian”? Paul told Timothy how he might KNOW THEM. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5

*2 Timothy 3:5: “Having a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof: from such turn away”*

These particular sinners are “godly in form and appearance” only, they feign themselves to be Christians, but resist every means of grace and every godly influence out of their lives!

*Their walk, stand, and seat BETRAY what they outwardly profess!*

As written in Romans 1:18: They “hold the truth in unrighteousness”, which means, they hold it down, suppress it out of their minds and disallow it...because their hearts are hard and impenitent, and as Paul wrote of them in 2 Timothy 3: “they are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God!”

They are nothing like trees of God’s planting, which are cultivated, cared for, and grow and flourish in the Lord! They bring forth no good fruit unto God and they do not prosper in the ways of God!

*Bottom Line Up Front: The ungodly are NOTHING LIKE the godly, even though they might appear to be (a good tree) on the outside.*

**Not so the ungodly, not so! “But they are LIKE the chaff, which the wind driveth away”**

Chaff: That which is separated from wheat or corn by thrashing or winnowing, it is unserviceable, worthless, and of no value. It is light and dry and dead, though at one time, it was part of the wheat or corn stalk.

Here by the way, we may let the wicked know, they have a thanks to give they little think of; that they may thank the godly for all the good days they live upon the earth, seeing it is for their sakes, and not for their own that they enjoy them. For as the chaff, while it is united and keeps close to the wheat, enjoys some privileges for the wheat’s sake, and is laid up carefully in the barn; but as soon as it is divided, and parted from the wheat, it is cast out and scattered by the wind; so the wicked, whilst the godly are in (their) company and live amongst them, partake, for their sake of some blessedness promised to the godly; but if the godly forsake them or be taken from them, then either a deluge of water comes suddenly upon them, as it did upon the old world when Noah left it; or a deluge of fire (comes), as it did upon Sodom, when Lot left it, and went out of the city.” ~Sir Richard Baxter

Chaff is driven or tossed away by the wind, unlike the wheat, the good fruit that is gathered into the Lord’s barn. *Job 21:16-18, Hosea 13:1-3, Matthew 3:7-12*

**Psalm 1:5-6: “Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish”**

Because the ungodly are NOT trees of God’s planting, but are unstable and not rooted upon Christ, but like the chaff, which the wind driveth away:

*THEREFORE, the ungodly SHALL NOT STAND in the judgment!*

The Psalmist doesn’t speak of “literally/physically standing”, the meaning is, the ungodly will have NOTHING to STAND UPON when they do stand before God to be judged; no righteousness acceptable to God, nor any merit or works acceptable to God!

When the ungodly are judged, every plea, every argument, and every mouth “will be stopped and silenced”. In their lives, “the wicked WOULD NOT” that Christ should reign over them), on that day, they will have nothing to say and no one to plead for them.

*Revelation 20:11-15, Jude 14, Matthew 7:21-23*

**Nor will there be any sinners in THIS congregation, but only the righteous!**

In the world, there will always be tares among of the wheat. We know this, because our Lord taught us about the enemy of the Lord who sowed tares among the wheat in the Lord’s field. *Matthew 13:24, 37*

There will always be sinners mixed among the saints in the church in world, (tares among the wheat) but not in the church in heaven! THERE will be no sinners in THIS congregation! *1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Revelation 21:27*

**Psalm 1:6: “For the LORD knoweth THE WAY of the righteous: but THE WAY of the ungodly shall perish”**

Way: Course, track, manner of life. Christianity is not only a profession, but “THE WAY”

The WAY of the righteous is the good and right ways of the Lord.

*Psalm 119:1-5, 9-16, 27-32, 139:23-24, Jeremiah 6:16*

It is sobering to consider that the ungodly shall perish, (lost sinners are perishing every day by the minute), many of whom are dear ones in our lives; but then, how joyous to consider that “THE WAY” of the ungodly shall perish. What a joy divine!

*Of the wicked, Paul tells us in Romans 3:12: “They are all gone OUT OF THE WAY, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one”. Romans 3:17: “The way of peace have the not known”*

When all things have been fulfilled, and God has judged every mortal soul that ever lived; when all of God’s elect people have been gathered unto the Lord Jesus Christ heaven; when every impenitent sinner has been cast into the lake, which burneth with fire.....THE WAY of the ungodly will also perish.