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Psalm 1: 1, 2 *"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.*

Psalm 1: 8 *"For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Psalm 1, although short makes quite plain the difference between the righteous and the wicked. It is unusual in our society to be openly mocked for our beliefs but scepticism abounds either in the form of spoken words or in looks. 1st century apostles and believers received worse than mocking words often abuse, beatings, imprisonment and death. How strong their faith must have been perhaps helped by their proximity in time to the momentous events in Jerusalem.

2000 years later we should still draw strength from them and amidst the mockers and sinners calmly state our beliefs in the ways of the Lord.