

# PSALM 1

## THE MEANING OF TORAH



# 1. VIA NEGATIVA

- **Halakah**—does not walk
- “**ungodly**”—begins & ends with (3:7; 7:9; 9:17; 11:6; 12:8)
  - Psalm 33:10—counsel of nations
  - Psalm 33:11
  - Plans/counsel, evil devising
  - Nehemiah 4:15—God frustrated

# VIA NEGATIVA

(CONT'D)

- **“sinners”**—
  - **Pathway—1 Kings 22:15; Psalm 25:8 instructs sinners; 110:7; Proverbs 23:19**
- **“scornful”**—**mockers;**
  - **Psalm 119:51; Proverbs 3:34 & 19:29**

# 2. BLESSEDNESS

## TIED TO THE LAW

- **Delight—**

- **Ex. Prov. 31:13; Prov. 3:15;  
Psalm 107:30; 111:2**

- **Meditate— utter, mutter, ponder**

- **Psalm 37:30; 63:6; 143:5; 77:12**
- **See Joshua 1:8**

# 3. FRUIT/PROSPERING OF LIFE

- Based on covenant blessings
- **“Is planted”** —intentionality (Jer.17:8)
- By “rivers of water”—source
- Timeliness of **fruit**—growth and maturation in Psalms (Psa. 72:16)
- Beautiful metaphor of blessed life!

# **4. KNOWN/UNKNOWN BY THE LORD**

- **Destiny**
- **Not so ungodly/wicked**
- **Metaphor of chaff—Psalm 35:5**
- **See Isaiah 41:15—destiny of Israel!  
(Isaiah 29:5)**
- **Do not stand...Do not stand**
- **Assembly of the righteous...Lord  
knows them**
- **Ungodly perish**

# ASSEMBLY

- **Psalm 7:7**

Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you; over it return on

- **Psalm 26:5**

I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

- **Psalm 26:12**

My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

# ASSEMBLY

- **Psalm 89:5**

Let the heavens praise your wonders,  
O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of  
the holy ones!

- **Psalm 107:32**

Let them extol him in the congregation of  
the people, and praise him in  
the assembly of the

- **Psalm 149:1**

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!