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# **The Judgement**

**Psalm 1**

**(text—1:5-6)**

*Theme: The wicked/ungodly will perish in the judgement but the righteous will prosper.*

# **The Way to Judgement**

Psalm 1:5-6 speaks of judgement.

The New Testament details  
judgement more fully.

**A judgement immediately follows death.**

When the body dies the soul goes immediately to **Heaven** (Phil. 1:23) or **Hell** (Lk. 16:22-23).

There is no intermediate place, only an intermediate state.

# The Final Judgement

Occurs when Jesus returns

(Mat. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:11-15).

Those who have been in **Hell** with respect to their soul only will return to **Hell** body and soul.

Those who have been in **Heaven** with respect to their soul will return to **Heaven** body and soul.

The big problem today is **secularism**.

The atheist is truly secular.

The agnostic is influenced by  
secularism.

Many theists are influenced by  
secular philosophy and their  
conception of God excludes wrath  
and judgement.

***But Biblical truth stands:***

***humans die and after  
death there is judgement!***

# Consequences of the Judgement

## – Psalm 1

### **A. Concerning the wicked:**

**They will not stand in the Judgement (1:5a).**

*Are you like the proud Pharisee of Luke 18:10-12?*

*You will not stand at the judgement!*

**They will not stand in the assembly  
of the righteous (1:5 b).**

Now the ungodly and the righteous  
are together in the Church, *cf.* wheat  
and tares in Matt. 13:24*ff.*

At the judgment the righteous will  
stand and the ungodly will fall.

Great sadness on the Day! *Cf.* Matt.  
7:22-23.

**They will perish (1:6b).**

The wicked have hope in this life –  
the offer of salvation, *cf.* Acts 17:30;  
Jn. 6:37.

At the judgement there is no hope.

## **B. Concerning the righteous:**

**They will be watched over by the Lord (1:6a).**

*Watches over* includes taking care of.

*Child of God, rejoice that your way is watched over by the Lord!*

# Conclusion – Which Way?

*What kind of person are you in  
God's eyes?*

*Righteous?*

*Wicked/ungodly?*

*Tree? Chaff?*

*What judgement will you face?*

May the refrain of Mote's hymn be  
your heart testimony:

***On Christ the solid rock I  
stand;***

***All other ground is sinking  
sand.***