

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruits in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor the sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.