



Psalms 1 & 2

BibleProject Translation

Psalm 1

¹How good is life for the man
who doesn't walk by the counsel of the wicked,
and in the path of sinners he does not stand,
and in the seat of mockers he does not sit.

²Rather, in the instruction of Yahweh
is his delight
and on his instruction
he meditates day and night.

³And he will become like a tree planted by streams of water,
which gives its fruit in its time,
and its leaf does not wither,
and everything he will do, he makes successful.

⁴Not so the wicked;
rather, he is like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous,

⁶because Yahweh knows the path of the righteous,
but the path of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 2

¹Why do the nations rage,
and the peoples meditate on empty-matters?

²The kings of the land take their stand,
and the rulers counsel together
against Yahweh

and against his anointed one,

³“Let us tear apart their bonds,
and let’s cast off from us their cords!”

⁴The one sitting in the skies, he laughs,
my master mocks at them,

⁵then he will speak to them in his anger
and in his hot-anger he will terrify them,

⁶“As for me, I have appointed my king,
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”

⁷“Let me tell of the decree of Yahweh:
He said to me,

‘You are my Son,
today I have birthed you.

⁸Ask of me,
and I will give nations as your inheritance,
and the ends of the land as your possession.

⁹You will break them with a rod of iron,
and like a vessel of a potter, you will shatter them.”

¹⁰And now, kings, show discernment;
be warned, judges of the land.

¹¹Serve Yahweh with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son,
lest he become angry,
and you perish in the path,
for his anger burns-hot in an instant,

How good is life for all who take refuge in him!

1. Hebrew word *Mashiakh*

2. Hebrew word *Adonai*; links to Yahweh

Psalms 1 & 2 Compared

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<p>¹ How good is life for the man who doesn't walk by the counsel of <i>the wicked</i>, and in the path of <i>sinners</i> he does not stand, and in the seat of <i>mockers</i> he does not sit.</p> <p>² Rather, in the <i>instruction</i> of Yahweh is his delight and on his <i>instruction</i> he meditates day and night.</p>	<p>¹ Why do <i>the nations</i> rage, and <i>the peoples</i> meditate on empty-matters?</p> <p>² <i>The kings</i> of the land take their stand, and <i>the rulers</i> counsel together against Yahweh and against his anointed one,</p> <p>³ "Let us tear apart their bonds, and let's cast off from us their cords!"</p> <p>⁴ The one sitting in the skies, he laughs, my master mocks at them,</p> <p>⁵ then he will speak to them in his anger and in his hot-anger he will terrify them,</p> <p>⁶ "As for me, I have appointed my king, upon <i>Zion, my holy mountain</i>."</p>
<p>³ And he will become like a tree planted by streams of water, which gives its fruit in its time, and its leaf does not wither, and everything he will do, he makes <i>successful</i>.</p> <p>⁴ Not so the wicked; rather, he is like chaff that the wind drives away.</p>	<p>⁷ "Let me tell of the decree of Yahweh: He said to me, 'You are my Son, today I have birthed you.'</p> <p>⁸ Ask of me, and I will give nations as your <i>inheritance</i>, and the ends of the land as your <i>possession</i>.</p> <p>⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron, and like a vessel of a potter, you will shatter them."</p>
<p>⁵ Therefore, <i>the wicked</i> will not stand in the judgment, nor <i>sinners</i> in the assembly of the righteous,</p> <p>⁶ because Yahweh knows the path of the righteous, but the path of <i>the wicked</i> will perish.</p>	<p>¹⁰ And now, <i>kings</i>, show discernment; be warned, <i>judges</i> of the land.</p> <p>¹¹ Serve Yahweh with fear, and rejoice with trembling.</p> <p>¹² Kiss the Son, lest he become angry, and you perish in the path, for his anger burns-hot in an instant,</p> <p>How good is life for all who take refuge in him!</p>