

Sermon Title: Psalms: From the Heart, Part I 8.31.2025

Themes: The righteous Lord and a righteous community. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Question of the week: What community do you seek?

Sermon Points:

1. Your walk.

I love the story of Moses and the Exodus, David and Goliath, and Paul's missionary journeys. As with Moses, David, and Paul, your life has many victories and valleys. The Psalms are a balm for your wounds, a lifeline for the drowning, and great care for the soul. Psalms 1 and 2 consider the laws and prophecies of God, which is a key focus of the Old Testament. The problem of the suffering of the righteous and the prosperity of the wicked is a thread that runs through the entirety of human existence. Abel the righteous was slain, but Cain the murderer lived and multiplied. Sometimes bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people. Yet, God's spiritual blessings are eternal and reserved for His people. The way of the righteous and the wicked.

Psalms 1 ¹How happy is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path of sinners or join a group of mockers! ²Instead, his delight is in the LORD's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night. ³He is like a tree planted beside streams of water that bears its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. ⁴The wicked are not like this; instead, they are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not survive the judgment, and sinners will not be in the community of the righteous. ⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

The community you seek and the community you forsake tell a lot about how you will live your life. The **Luke 15:11–19**. The prodigal son thought he wanted a different community than the loving, caring one offered by his family. After seeing where that left him, when his "friends" of convenience abandoned him, he came to his senses and sought a different community. The community you seek and the community you forsake tell a lot about how you will live your life... and how you might spend eternity

2. Your inheritance.

Psalms 2. The inheritance you seek and the inheritance you forsake tell a lot about how you will live your life...and how you might spend eternity. **Colossians 3:23–24** ²³Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. Your eternal inheritance through your faith in Jesus Christ is imperishable and unfading no matter what challenges and trials you face in this life. **1 Peter 1:3–7** ³Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, uncorrupted, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵You are being protected by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to struggle in various trials ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Invitation: Ask God to reveal to you what you are truly seeking. The community and inheritance you seek and the community and inheritance you forsake tell a lot about how you will live your life...and how you might spend eternity.