

STANDING ON THE WORD
PSALM 1

April 21, 2024

Grace Bible Church
"Songs for Steadfastness"

BE STEADFAST IN THIS SHAKY WORLD BY FOLLOWING THE PATHWAY SET BY GOD'S WORD.

"I AM A BIBLE BIGOT. I FOLLOW IT IN ALL THINGS, BOTH GREAT AND SMALL."

— *GEORGE WHITEFIELD.*

1. _____ **Road: the Pathway of the Godly Man (vv. 1-3)**

"IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO FLIRT WITH THE WICKED LIFE, PERIODICALLY IMITATING THE MOTIONS OF ONE WITHOUT CHRIST. WE MAY, IN JEST, REFER TO THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT OF UNGODLINESS — OR CHUCKLE AT OUR CHILDREN'S QUESTIONABLE ACTIONS. DAVID WARNS US AGAINST THAT. HE TELLS US THAT WE WILL BE ABUNDANTLY MORE HAPPY IF WE STEER CLEAR OF ANYTHING THAT COULD GIVE THE EROSION OF SPIRITUAL COMPROMISE A HEAD START."

— *CHARLES SWINDOLL,*
LIVING BEYOND THE DAILY GRIND.

"EVIL IS PICTURED IN SCRIPTURE AS A THIRSTY SOUL TURNING AWAY FROM A FRESHWATER FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER (GOD) TO DRINK FROM A BROKEN AND POLLUTED CISTERN (IDOLATRY) IN THE HUNT FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE AND JOY (JER. 2:13). THE SOUL BECOMES ANEMIC AND WEARIED WHEN ITS THIRST TURNS AWAY FROM GOD, THE ONLY SOURCE OF ABIDING JOY, AND TOWARD A LEAKY HOLDING TANK OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY."

— TONY REINKE,
JOHN NEWTON ON THE CHRISTIAN
LIFE.

"THE EARTH MUST EITHER BE WORTHLESS IN OUR ESTIMATION, OR KEEP US ENSLAVED BY AN INTEMPERATE LOVE OF IT. THEREFORE, IF WE HAVE ANY REGARD TO ETERNITY, WE MUST CAREFULLY STRIVE TO DISENCUMBER OURSELVES OF THESE FETTERS. MOREOVER, SINCE THE PRESENT LIFE HAS MANY ENTICEMENTS TO ALLURE US, AND GREAT SEMBLANCE OF DELIGHT, GRACE, AND SWEETNESS TO SOOTHE US, IT IS OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE TO US TO BE NOW AND THEN CALLED OFF FROM ITS FASCINATIONS. FOR WHAT, PRAY, WOULD HAPPEN, IF WE HERE ENJOYED AN UNINTERRUPTED COURSE OF HONOR AND FELICITY, WHEN EVEN THE CONSTANT STIMULUS OF AFFLICTION CANNOT AROUSE US TO A DUE SENSE OF OUR MISERY."

— JOHN CALVIN.

By the grace of God, one thing I can do this week in response to this sermon is :