

Psalm 1

God is with those who avoid
the advice of the unethical,
the paths of the selfish
or the example of the cynical.
They take delight in scripture,
looking to God's word at every opportunity.
They enjoy a strong life,
like a tree planted by streams of water;
never withering or dropping leaves
and producing bumper crops.

Not so those who avoid God!
They are like dust and waste
that the wind blows away.
They have no support in times of trouble,
and become unfit company in society.

Those who align themselves with God
are constantly under God's oversight;
but those who avoid God have no future.