



Thirsty or Thriving?

Psalm 1

Psalm 1:1-2 (ESV)

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 1:3-5 (ESV)

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Psalm 1:6 (ESV)

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Which picture are you living in?



Are you thirsty or thriving?



What choices did you make to get here?

“For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

(Jeremiah 2:13; ESV)

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6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Lord shows his people how to live,
but the wicked have lost their way.

“Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water... Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’”

(John 4:10, 13-14; ESV)

“On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

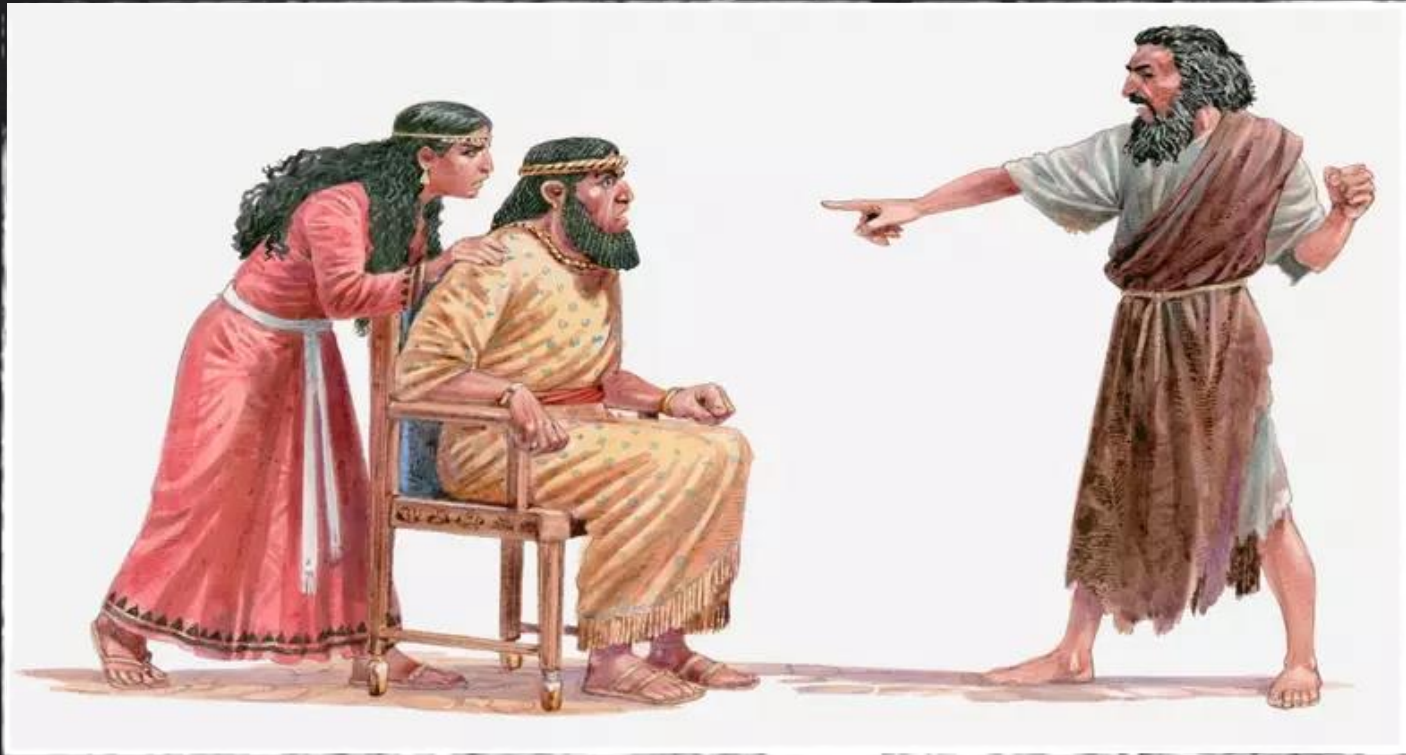
(John 7:37-38; ESV)

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Ahab, Jezebel, (& Elijah)



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- Root yourself in GODLY
COMMUNITY

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- Reorient your heart and mind on
GOD'S WORD and PERSPECTIVE

Psalm 1:2 (ESV)

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night.

“And now what do you gain by going to Egypt to drink the waters of the Nile? Or what do you gain by going to Assyria to drink the waters of the Euphrates?”

(Jeremiah 2:18; ESV)

Our thirst is a gift if we can receive it as such. It is alerting us that we are living in the wrong picture; we've lost our way. In those moments, the most effective thing we can do is to stop and reorient—commit again to God's word, God's way, and a community of spiritual friends who will encourage us in those commitments.



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