**A Song for Tomorrow**

Psalm 1:1-6

**A.** **Stay** away from Bad Company. (v. 1)

 **1.** The first person we call, “the **ungodly** or skeptic”.

 **Fact:** The word “ungodly” literally means “**wicked**.”

 **2.** Then we move from the ungodly to the **sinner**.

 **Question:** What is the difference?

 **Answer:** The wicked person is ungodly, but the sinner is **unholy**.

 **3.** Finally, we come to the **scornful** or the scoffer.

 **Fact:** This is a person that is unruly. The word refers to

 “a dog **snarl**” and it literally means to “make a face at.”

 **4.** If you want to be successful, you've got to **stay** away from the

 bad company represented by these kinds of people. (v. 1)

 **a.** First of all, you cannot **listen** to their counsel.

 **b.** Secondly, we are told not even to **hang** around them.

 **c.** Thirdly, you don’t “**sit** in the seat of the scornful.”

**B.** **Study** God's Word. (v. 2)

**In fact:**

The Bible clearly teaches that God blesses a person **directly**

and in proportion to their relationship to God's Word.

 **1.** Here is the person who God blesses with a type of success that

 **outlives** them. (v. 2)

 **Fact:** That word “delight” literally means “**pleasure**.”

 **2.** It is not enough just to read the Word of God, we also are told to

 **meditate** on it. (v. 2)

 **Fact:** That word “meditate” literally means “to **speak** to

 yourself, humming.”

C. **Stand** for what is Right. (v. 3)

 **Question:** Why did the psalmist compare successful people to trees?

 **Answer:** A healthy tree stands **firm**.

 **Fact:** When you are planted by God and He plants you beside the river

 of His truth, you will be unshakable in what you believe and

 therefore you will be unwavering in how you **behave**.

 **Fact:** The truly successful person will bear fruit that **remains**

 fresh, because their “*leaves does not whither*.” (v. 3)