

The Psalter

1. The Blessedness of the Godly. Psalm 1. C.M.

1. That man is blest who, fearing God,
From sin restrains his feet,
Who will not stand with wicked men,
Who shuns the scorners' seat.
2. Yea, blest is he who makes God's law
His portion and delight,
And meditates upon that law
With gladness day and night.
3. That man is nourished like a tree
Set by the river's side;
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure,
And thus his works abide.
4. The wicked like the driven chaff
Are swept from off the land;
They shall not gather with the just,
Nor in the judgment stand.
5. The Lord will guard the righteous well,
Their way to Him is known;
The way of sinners, far from God,
Shall surely be o'er-thrown.

2. The Righteous and Unrighteous. Psalm 1. 8s and 7s.

1. Blest is he who loves God's precepts,
Who from sin restrains His feet,
He who will not stand with sinners,
He who shuns the scorners' seat.
2. Blest is he who makes the statutes
Of the Lord his chief delight,
In God's law, divinely perfect,
Meditating day and night.
3. He is like a tree well planted
By the flowing river's side,
Ever green of leaf and fruitful:
Thus shall all his works abide.
4. Like the driven chaff the wicked
Shall be swept from off the land;
With the just they shall not gather,
Nor shall in the judgment stand.
5. Well the Lord will guard the righteous,
For their way to Him is known;

But the way of evildoers
Shall by Him be overthrown.

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