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<p>Psalm 1</p> <p>¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. ⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.</p> <p>Psalm 119:97-112</p> <p><i>n Mem</i></p> <p>⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. ⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. ⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. ¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. ¹⁰² I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. <i>(continued)</i></p>	

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<p>Psalm 119:97-112 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!</p> <p>¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.</p> <p>ן Nun</p> <p>¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.</p> <p>¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.</p> <p>¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much; preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.</p> <p>¹⁰⁸ Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.</p> <p>¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.</p> <p>¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.</p> <p>¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.</p> <p>¹¹² My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.^[a]</p> <p>a. Or <i>decrees / for their enduring reward</i></p>	

Reflections

Our time is spent around those who love God and delight in His Presence and His Word, as well as with those who ignore, discount, disbelieve and perhaps mock or ridicule God. How are you effected by both of these groups? Which is stronger in your life?

The psalmist says that meditating on God's laws makes a person "like a tree planted by streams of water which yields its fruit in season." What are some verses that you meditate on or hold in your heart? How do they help you be wise and choose God's path in the midst of difficult decisions?

