



**WHY DON'T YOU KNOCK IT
OFF WITH THEM NEGATIVE WAVES?**

**WHY DON'T YOU DIG HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS OUT HERE? WHY
DON'T YOU SAY SOMETHING RIGHTEOUS AND HOPEFUL FOR A CHANGE?**



PSALMS

Most emphatically the Psalms must be read as poems; as lyrics, with all the licences and all the formalities, the hyperboles, the emotional rather than logical connections, which are proper to lyric poetry. They must be read as poems if they are to be understood; no less than French must be read as French or English as English. Otherwise we shall miss what is in them and think we see what is not.



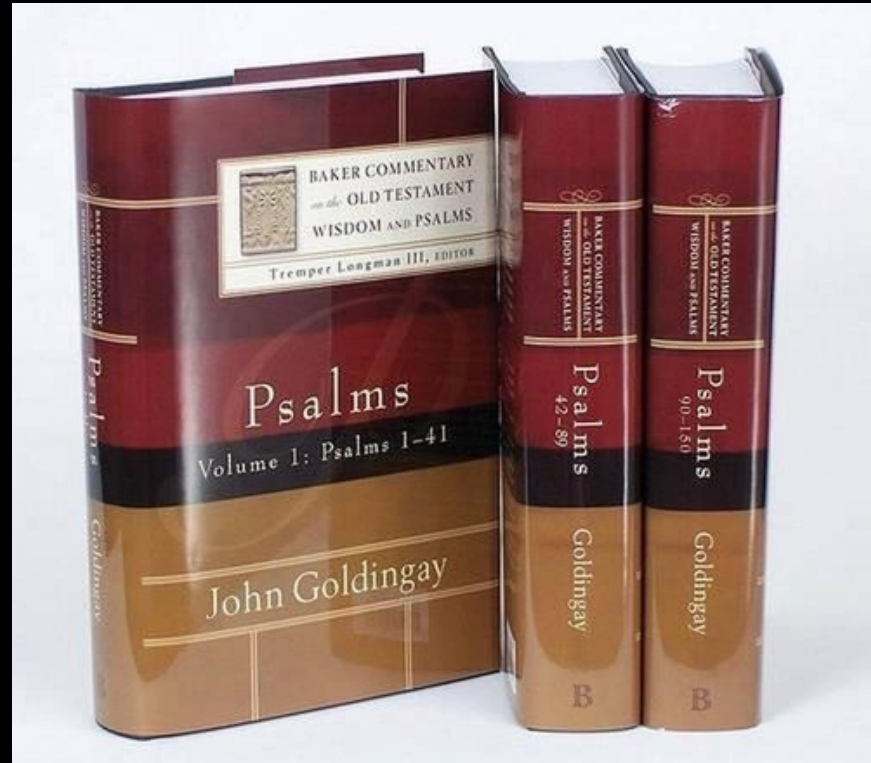
~ C. S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*, page 3.

“The Book of Psalms is full of heartfelt utterances made during storms of this kind. Where can one find nobler words to express joy than in the Psalms of praise or gratitude? In them you can see into the hearts of all the saints as if you were looking at a lovely pleasure-garden, or were gazing into heaven.



~ Martin Luther, *Luther's Works: Introduction to the Psalms*

The Psalms make it possible to say things that are otherwise unsayable. They have the capacity to free us to talk about things we cannot talk about anywhere else.



~ John Goldingay

“The psalmist is brutally honest about the explosive joy that he’s feeling and the deep sorrow or confusion, and it’s that that sets the Psalms apart for me. And I often think, gosh, well, why isn’t church music more like that?”



~ Bono, lead singer of the Irish rock group, U2



PSALMS

Psalm 1

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who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
or stand in the way of sinners
or sit in the seat of mockers.

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

Psalm 1

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which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.



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⁴Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.

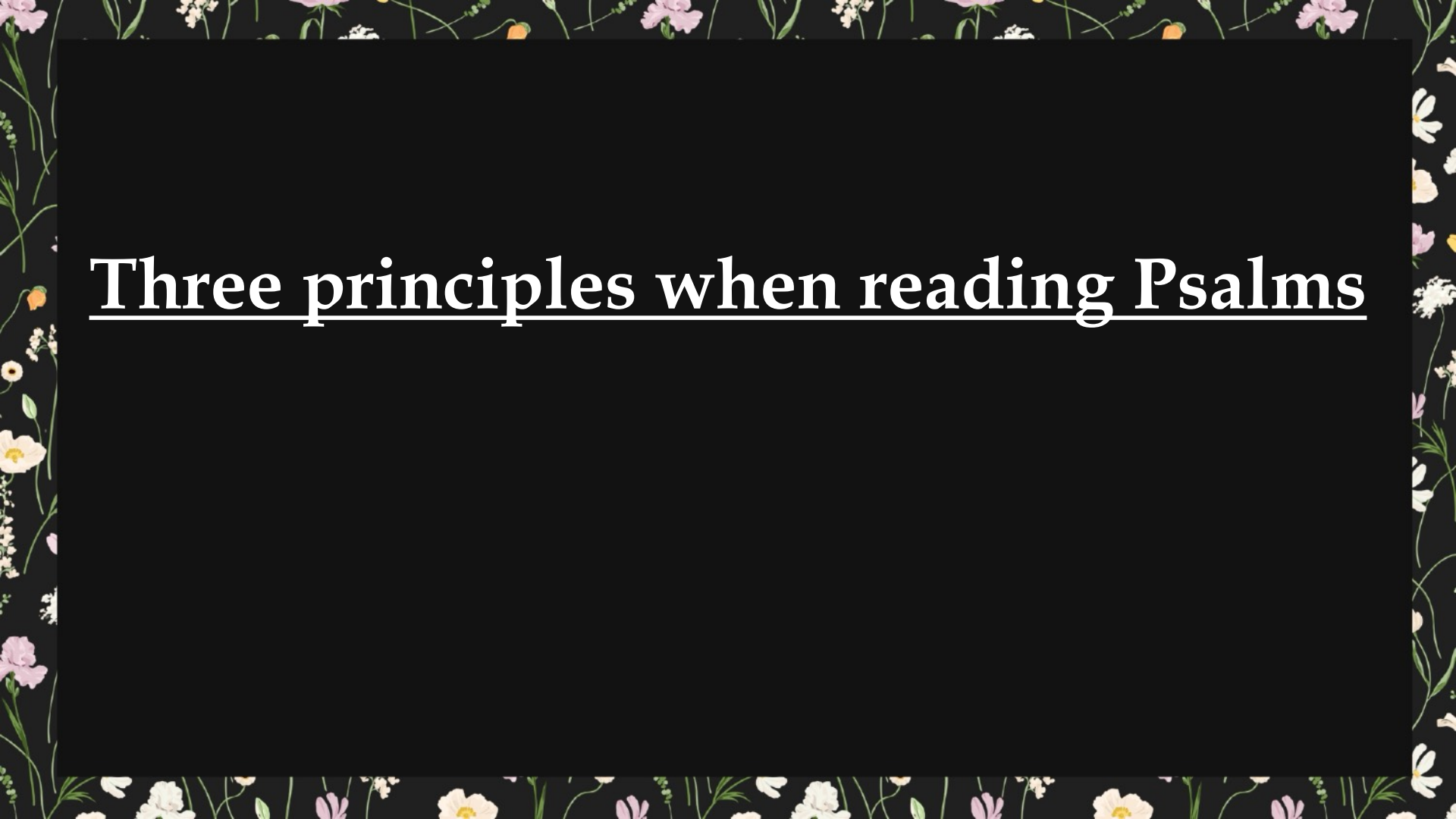
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⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
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Today's Message:
Be righteous, dude!
Psalm 1

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3. *Re-Read again!!*

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Step One:

(Observation)

**Read it like you were the
first one to get it!**

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What the righteous person does not do

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What the righteous person does not do
Listen to the counsel of the enemies of God

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What the righteous person does not do

Be firm in ungodly ways

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What the righteous person does not do

Scheme with those who are mocking God

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What the righteous person does

Delights and Meditates on God's law

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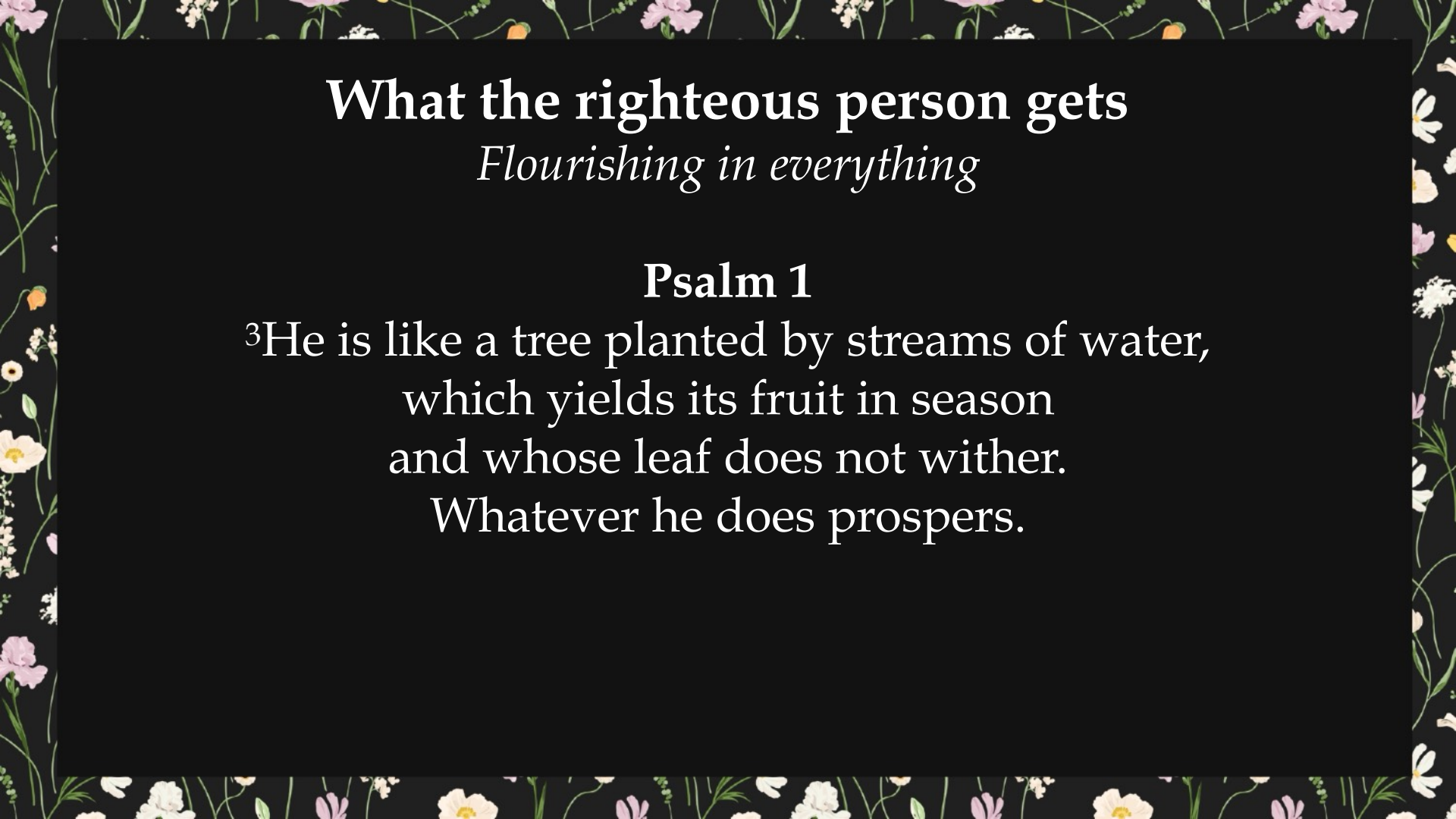
What the righteous person gets

Blessing = Happiness

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What the righteous person gets

Flourishing in everything

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³He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

What the unrighteous person is like

Chaff – unstable, insignificant, non-weighty

Psalm 1

⁴Not so the wicked!

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that the wind blows away.



The future of the unrighteous

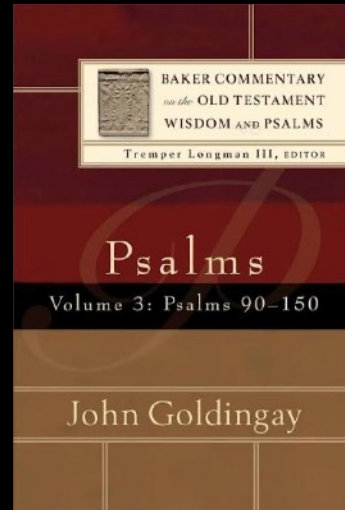
Like chaff, they will not stand in the judgement

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⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

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When judgment comes, the faithless will not be able to take their stand or stand up confidently or survive or withstand. Verses 1 and 5 thus offer two alternatives. Either one lives, stands, and sits with the faithless, the failures, the mockers; or one stands in the judgment, the assembly or company of the faithful. These are not two parallel actual assemblies into which the community is divided. The assembly of the faithful is the real assembly, the gathering of the mockers its dark shadow.



~ John Goldingay, [*Baker Commentary on the Old Testament: Psalms 1-41*](#), ed. Tremper Longman III, vol. 1 (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2006), 87.

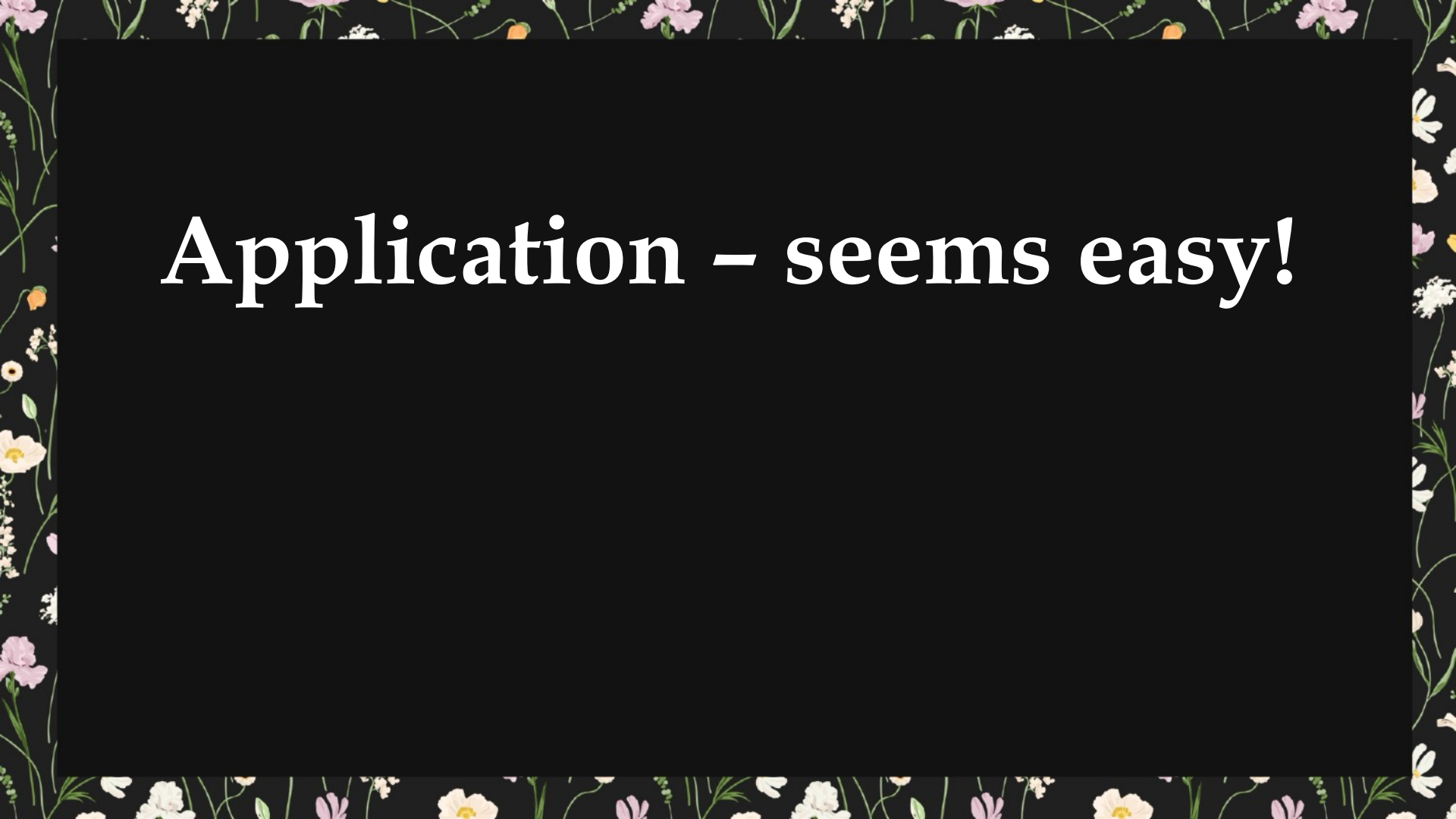
The future of the righteous

Watched over by the Lord

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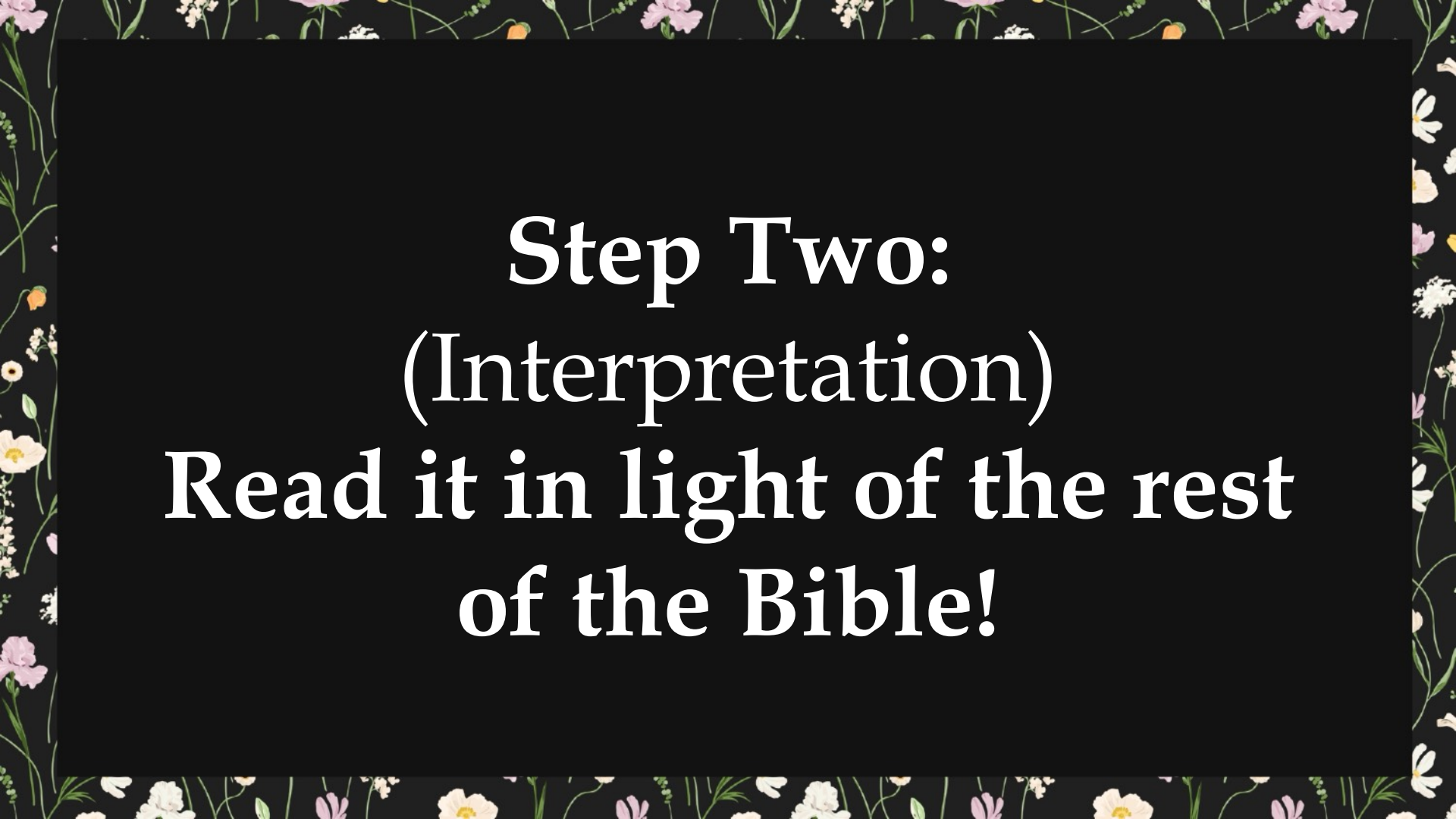
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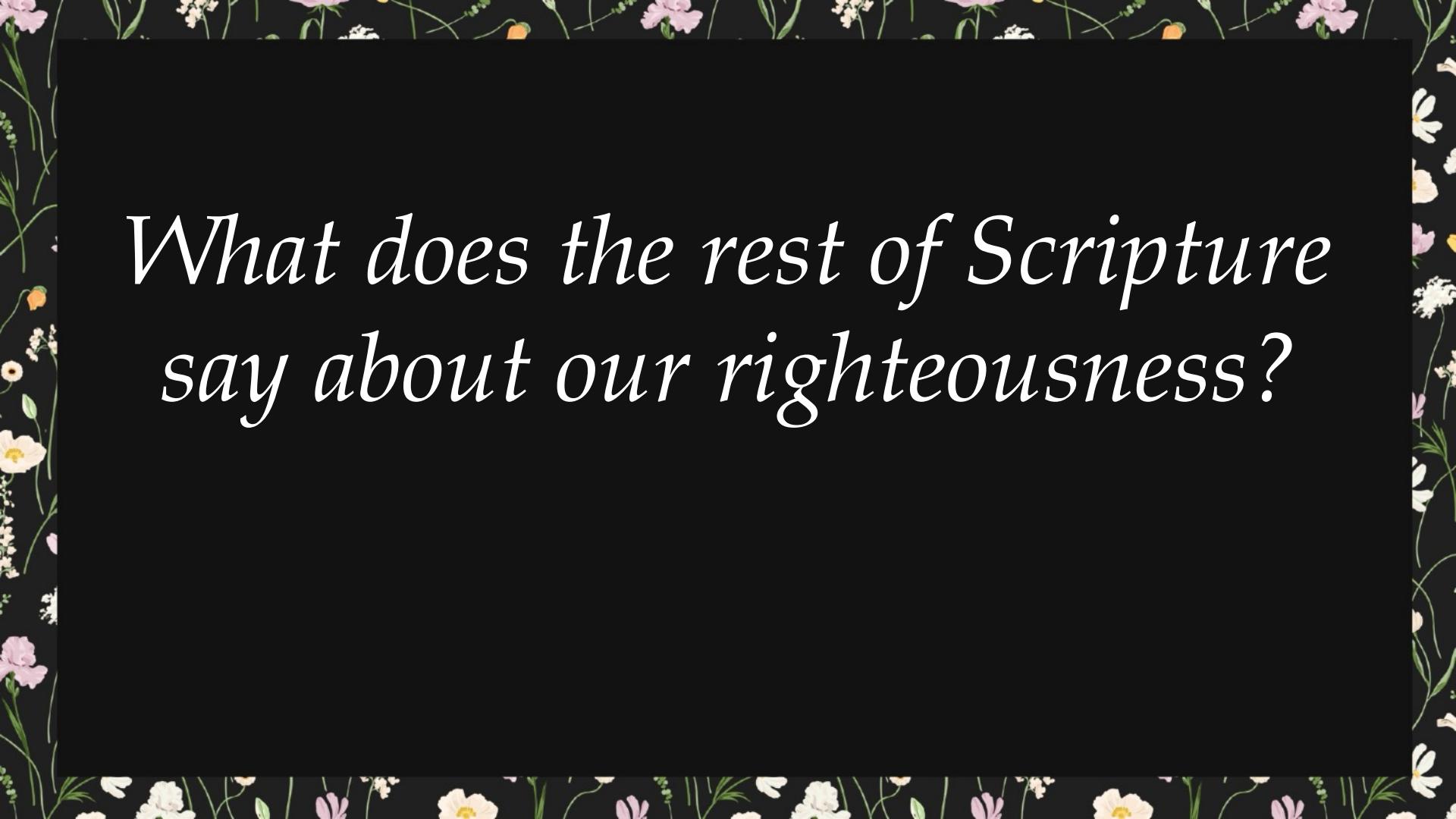


Application – seems easy!

The Way of the
Righteous and the
Wicked



Step Two:
(Interpretation)
Read it in light of the rest
of the Bible!



*What does the rest of Scripture
say about our righteousness?*

Romans 3:9-12, 19-20

⁹What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. ¹⁰As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one;

¹¹there is no one who understands;

there is no one who seeks God.

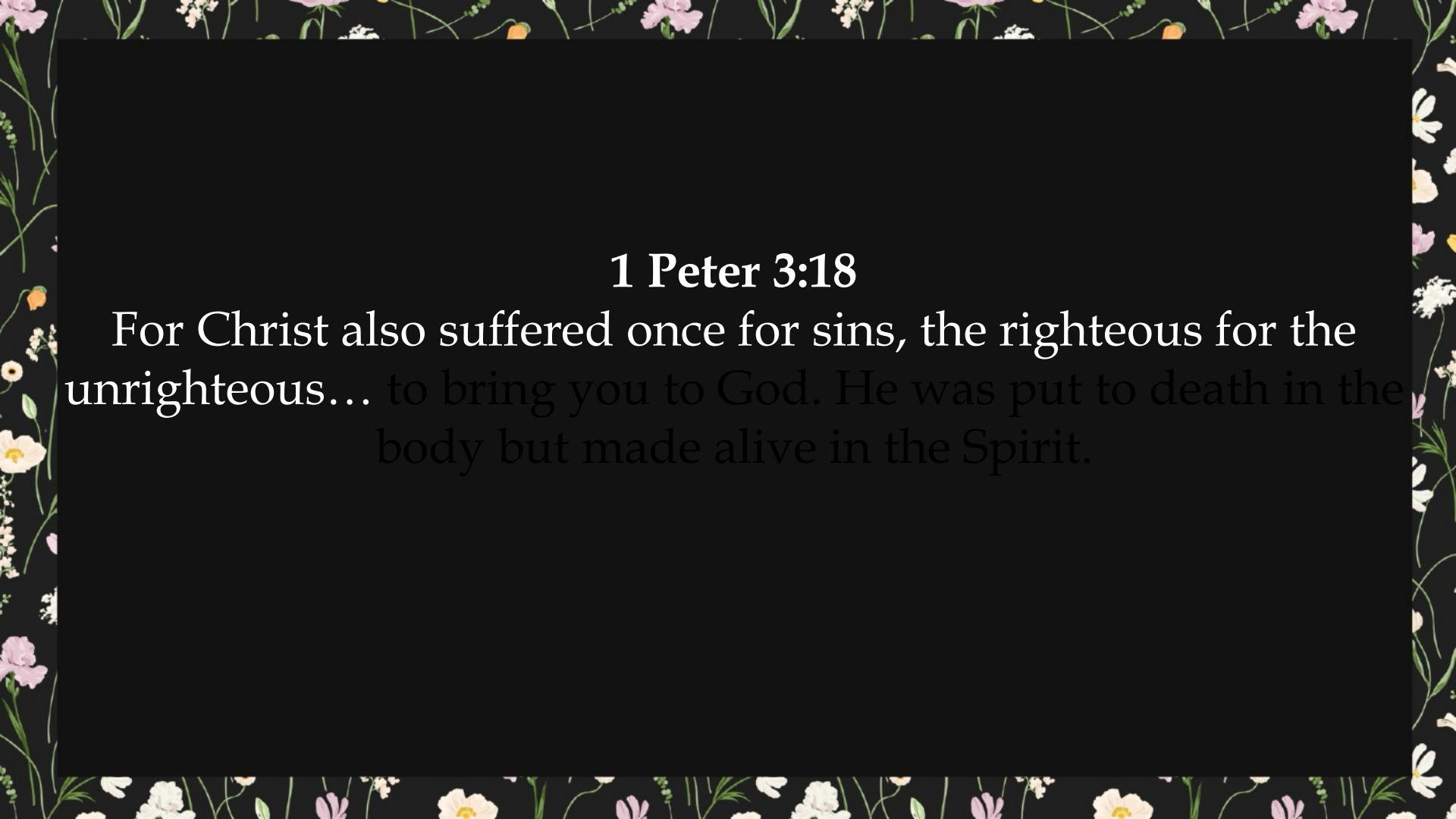
¹²All have turned away,

they have together become worthless;

there is no one who does good, not even one.” [Psalm 53:1-3]

Romans 3:9-12, 19-20

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.



1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous... to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

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Unrighteous

Righteous



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who didn't not walk in the counsel of the wicked
or stand in the way of sinners
or sit in the seat of mockers.

²But his delight was always in the law of the LORD,
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³Jesus was like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he did prospered.

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⁴Not so the wicked, that is US!
We are like chaff
that the wind blows away.



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⁵Therefore we wicked ones will not stand in the judgment,
nor us sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

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THE STORY

(not over yet)

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2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ God made him who had no sin
to be sin for us,
so that in him
we might become the righteousness of God.

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*, Father.” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Things we learn:

1. No one is righteous, except one
2. Therefore, Psalm 1 only applies to Jesus Christ on merit
3. In Christ, we are now made 100%, pure righteous!!

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Step Three:
(Application)
Re-Read it

Psalm 1

¹Blessed are we in Christ who are now set free to
not walk in the counsel of the wicked
or stand in the way of sinners
or sit in the seat of mockers.

²But now we can delight in the law of the LORD,
and on his law we can meditate day and night.

Psalm 1

³We are like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever we do in Christ prospers.

Psalm 1

⁴Not so the wicked, those who have not yet received Christ!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.



Psalm 1

⁵Therefore the wicked (those not in Christ)
will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners (whose sins Jesus hasn't paid for yet)
in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the
righteous ones in Christ,
but the way of the wicked outside of Christ will perish.

Psalm 1 is a call to

IDENTITY

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Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Gospel Living

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DONE

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JUSTIFICATION

“I’m ok in Jesus”



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SANCTIFICATION

I get to walk in his ways



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GRAVITY. It's not just a suggestion...

IT'S THE LAW!





Do you see Jesus Christ
as the ONLY one who
was righteous?



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In Christ, do you long
to live out your life by
following Him?

