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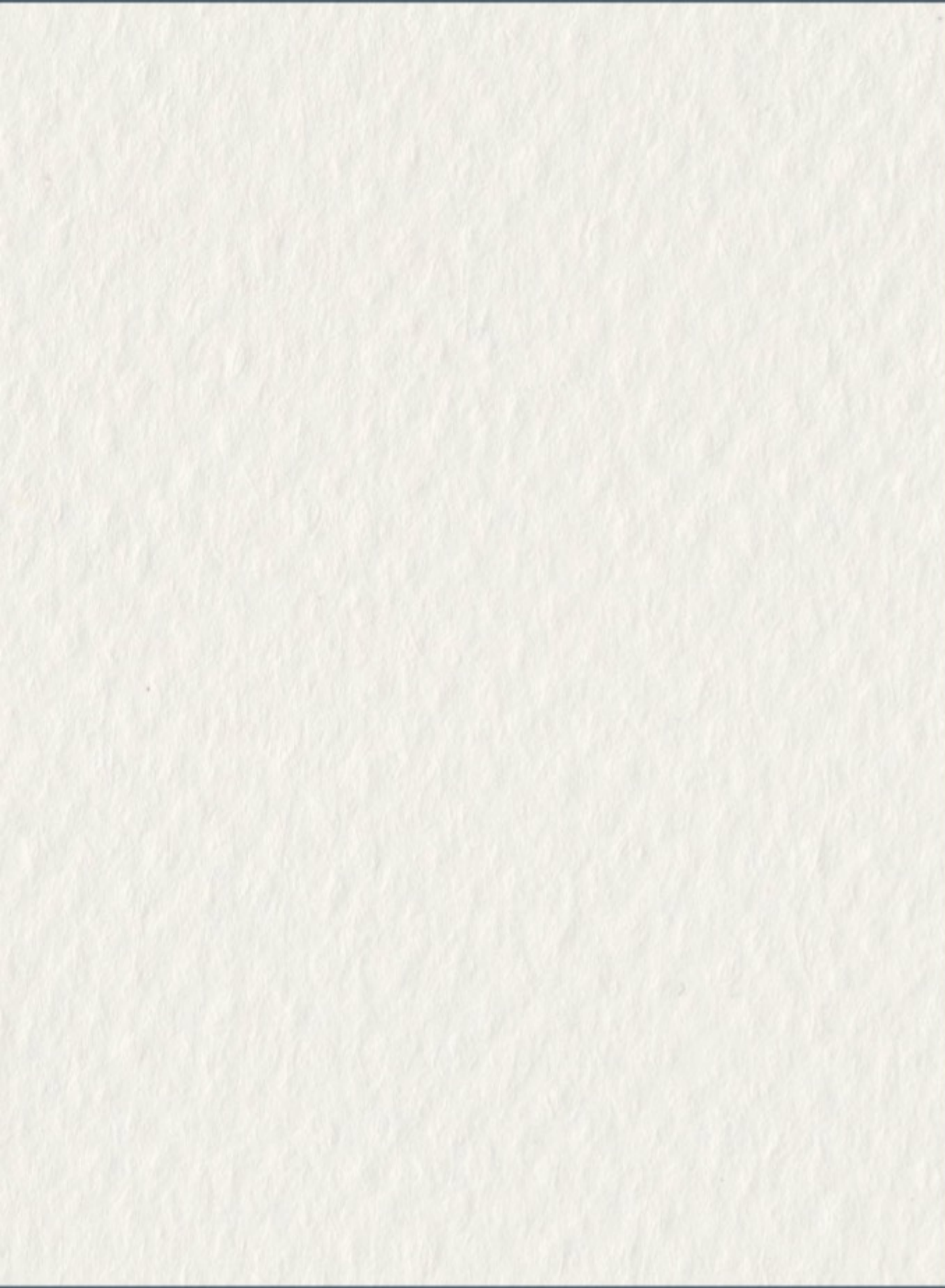
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and who meditates on his law day and night  
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which yields its fruit in season  
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“We go to the Psalms when we’re laughing and when we’re crying. Amazingly, they often say what we feel but couldn’t find the words to describe.”

*- James Johnston*



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# *Summer of* **PSALMS**

*week one*  
**Wisdom**

*week two*  
**Praise**

*week three*  
**Lament**

*week four*  
**Imprecation**

*week five*  
**Trust**

*week six*  
**Thanksgiving**

*week seven*  
**Ascent**

*week eight*  
**Remembrance**

*week nine*  
**Confession**

*week ten*  
**Messiah**





# *Psalms of* WISDOM



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<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.

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

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.



**Psalms 1:1** NIV

Blessed is the one who ...



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# Hebrew Parallelism

## *Synthetic (advancing) parallelism:*

The successive line(s) explain or expand the thought expressed in the first line. (Psalm 1:1)

## *Synonymous (affirming) parallelism:*

The writer repeats the thought of the first line in the following line. (Psalm 1:2)

## *Emblematic parallelism:*

The first line contains a figure of speech, and the following lines expand or explain the figure. (Psalm 1:3)

## *Antithetic (opposing) parallelism:*

The second line expresses a contrasting thought compared to the first line. (Psalm 1:6)



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## **Psalm 1:1-2** NIV

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## **Psalm 1:1-2** NIV

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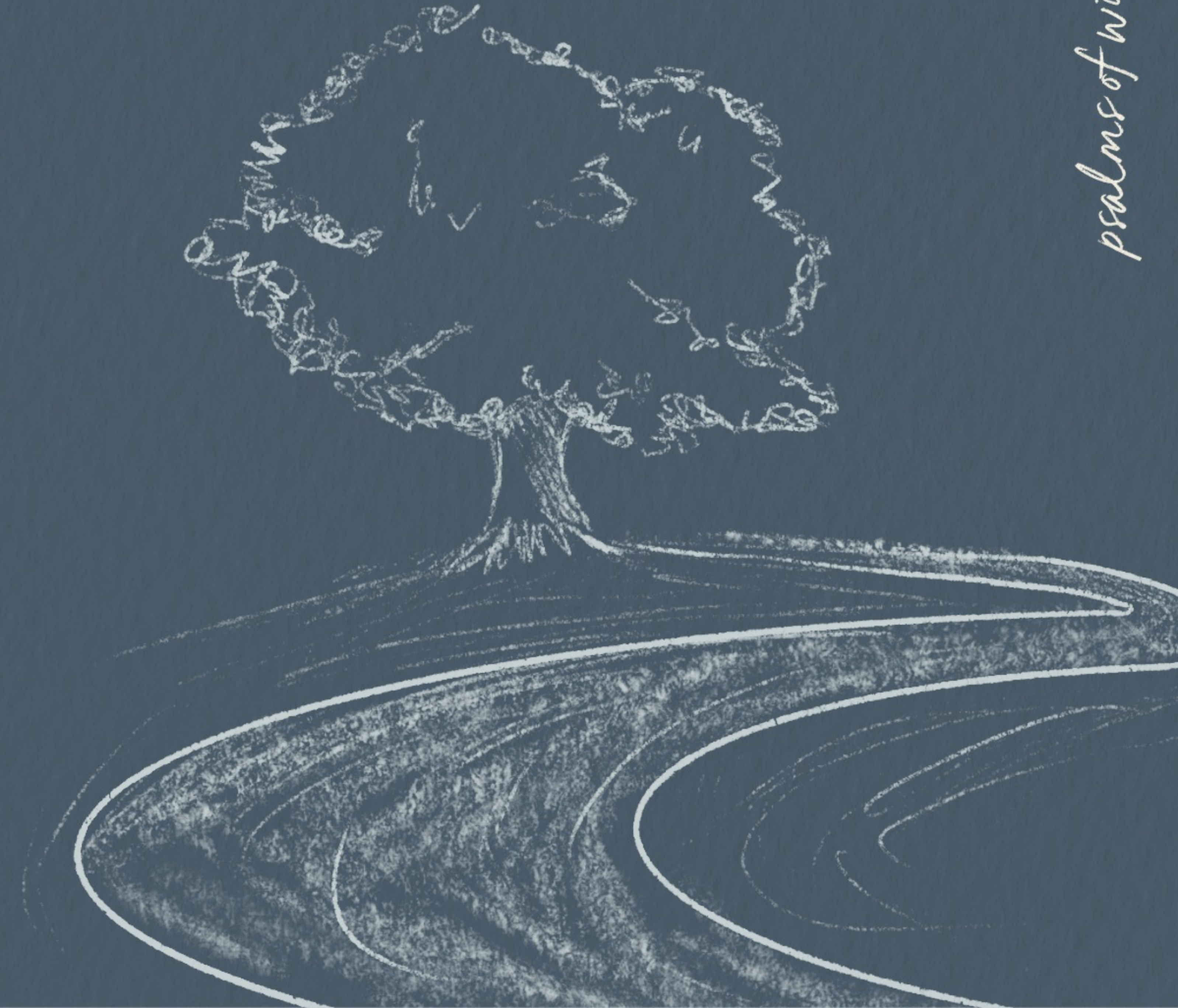
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**Psalms 1:3** NIV

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.





**Psalms 1:4** <sup>NIV</sup>

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







# *the* Tree

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Planted  
Yields Fruit  
Endures  
Prosperes

# *the* Chaff

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Rootless  
Barren  
Blown away  
Useless









**Psalms 1:5-6** NIV

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

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but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.



God blesses those who follow His Word.