



Part 1

Alternative Lifestyles

Psalm 1

“Psalms with an awareness of evil and trouble outnumber psalms of praise and reliance two-to-one.”

(NIV Application Commentary, Psalms Vol. 1, p. 90)

All the colors of life

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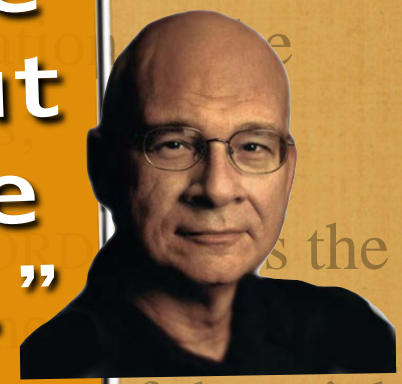
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because they have despised the word of the LORD.
Therefore their way will perish,
and they will be driven away like chaff by the wind.
The way of the righteous is like a well,
that flows continually.
The way of the wicked is like a stream of ice,
that will melt in the heat of the sun.

“Wicked people are always ungodly, but ungodly people are not always wicked.”



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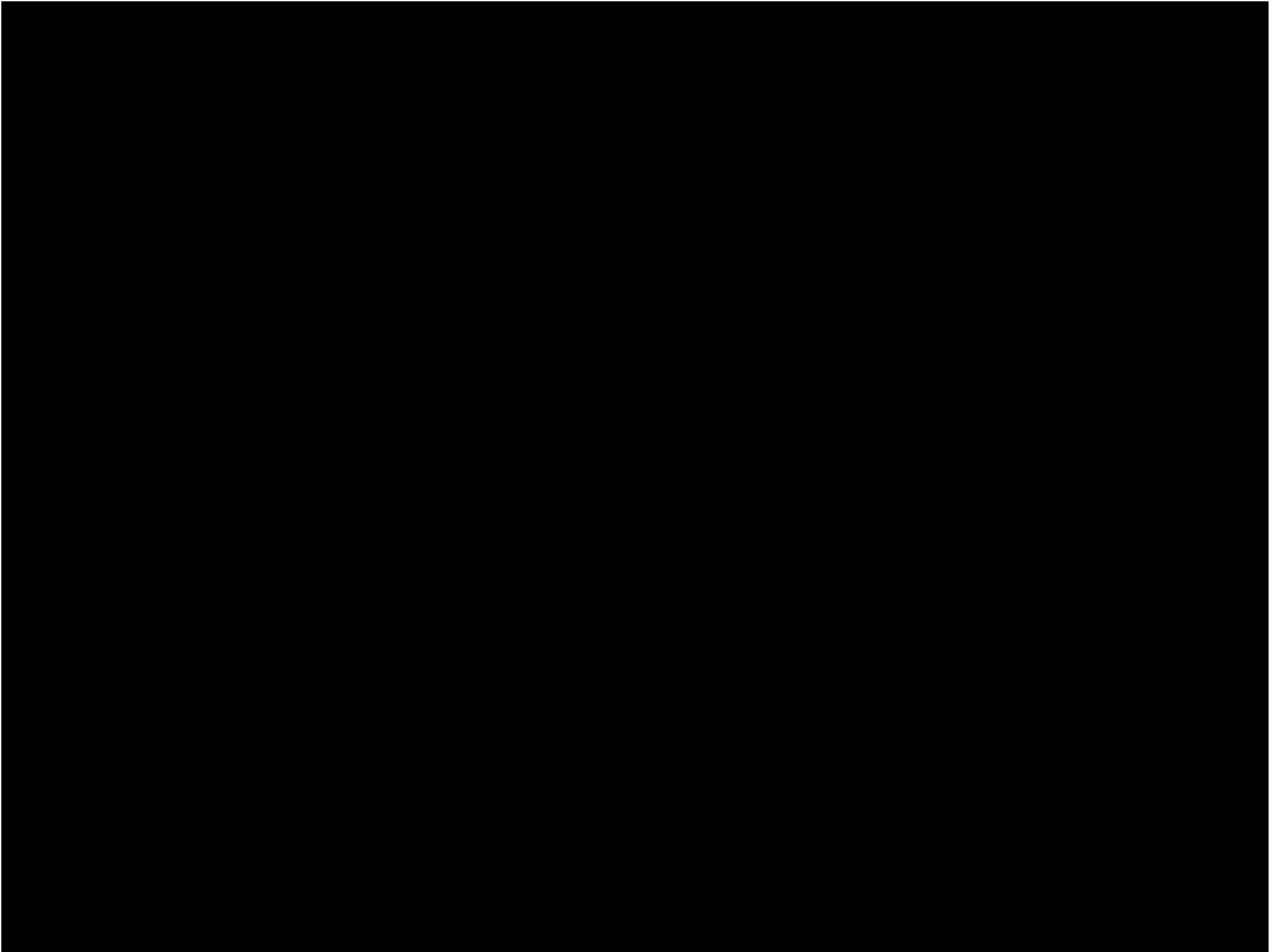
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Romans 1:28 – 32

²⁸ Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹ they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. ³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

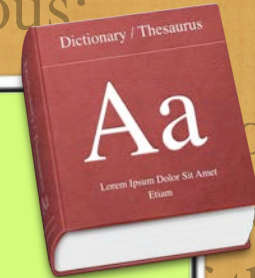


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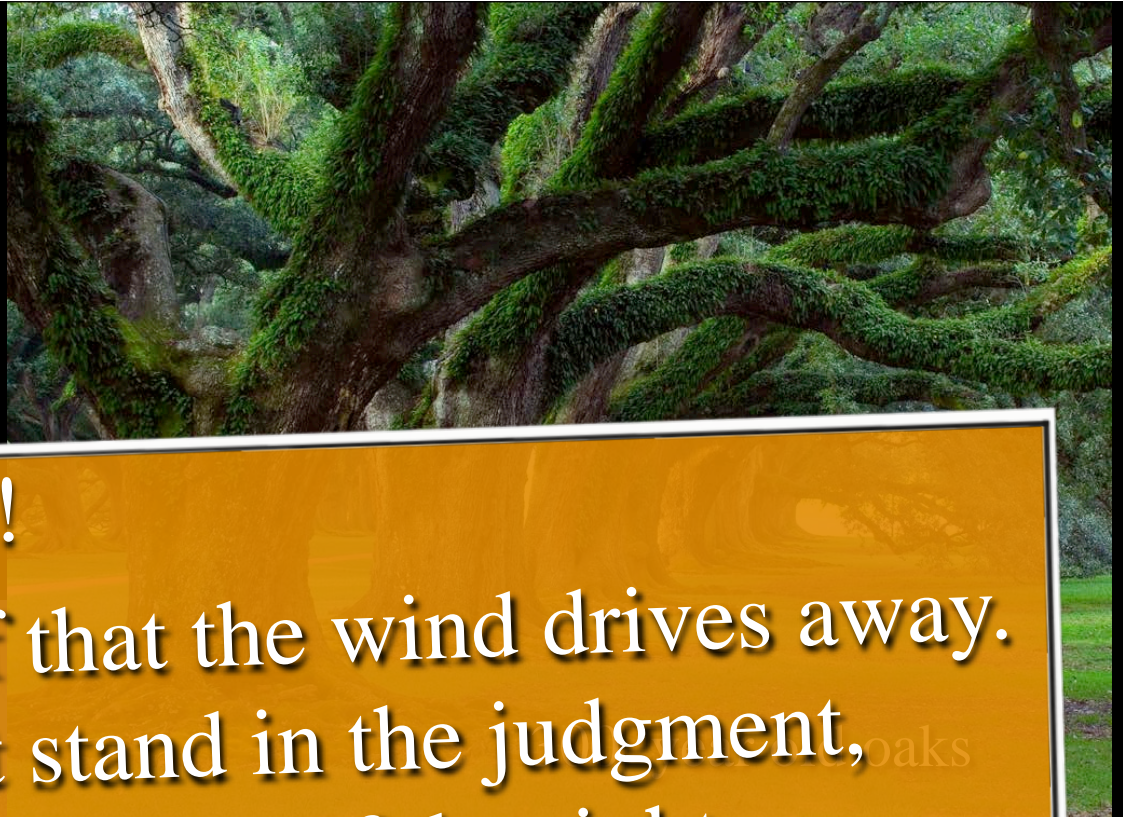
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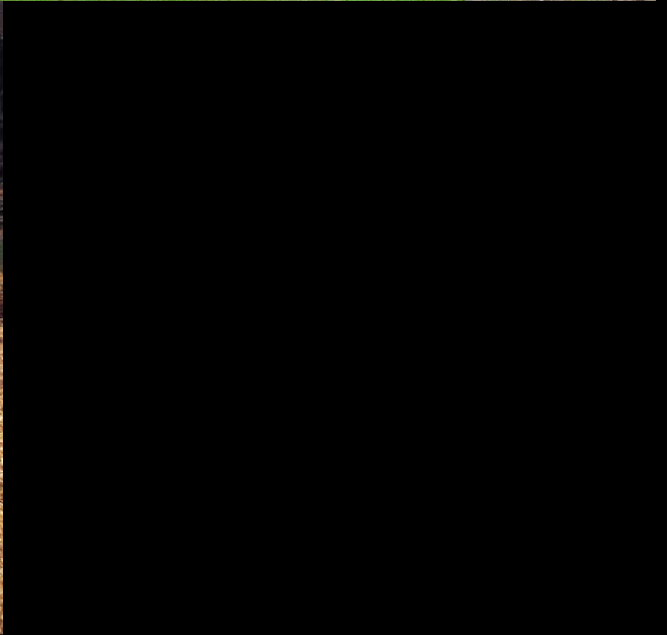
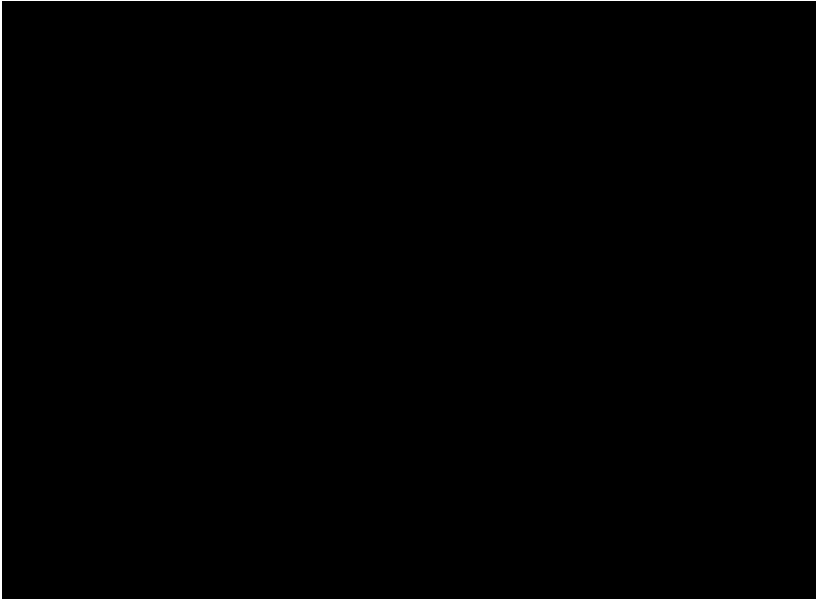
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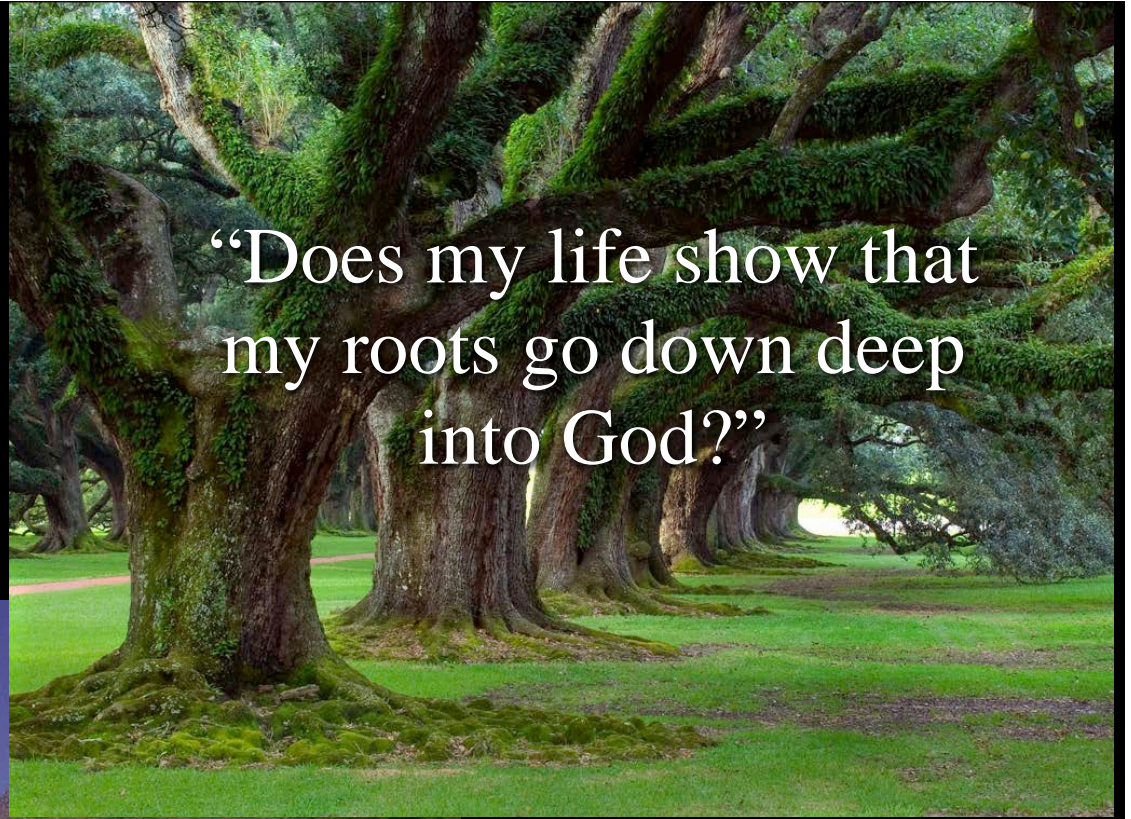


rootless
unstable
inconsequential
cannot stand



1. Take an honest look at your life and your commitment to God.

“Does my life show that my roots go down deep into God?”



2. Commit to reading – and pondering the Psalms as we go through this series.

