

## PSALMS—Direction to Delight In

### Psalm 1 & 2

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- Psalms 1 and 2 serve as a prologue because out of them we learn a lot about the book of Psalms as a whole.
  - **Hebrews 4:12** New American Standard Bible (NASB)  
<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
  - The freedom Christ has earned for us is NOT freedom from the law or from God's Word, specifically His instruction and direction.
  - The Psalms are meant to be read as poetry and as instruction from God.
  - "When we read the Psalms, we are meant to learn things about God and about human nature and about how life is to be lived. Some poetry makes no claim to instruct the mind. The Psalms do. They are meant to be instructive about God and man and life." ~John Piper
  - The measure by which we need to evaluate the work God's Word is doing in our lives, isn't in how well it gets us, but in how well it comes from us.
  - **2 John 1:6** New American Standard Bible (NASB)  
<sup>6</sup> ... who does not abide according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

