Psalm 1:4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Mat.13:25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

“The ungodly”

Who are the ungodly?

Are they open and willful sinners—men who take God’s name in vain and curse and blaspheme—

men who break the laws of man, the laws of the State—men who are scarcely to be trusted with liberty?

While some men come under the category of “sinners”

and “scorners,” there is another class expressly aimed at by the term “ungodly.”

And who are the ungodly? Are they the men who deny God’s existence, who neglect the outward forms of religion, who scoff at everything that is sacred?

“ungodly.”

Who are they? The answer may well strike you with awe. I do trust there are not many in here called scorners or open rebels. But how large a proportion of all those who attend our places of worship may justly be ranked under the character of ungodly! What does this mean, exactly?

To be religious is not good enough. A man may be religious, but yet he may not be godly. There are many who are religious. As touching the law outwardly they are blameless—Hebrews of the Hebrews, Pharisees of Pharisees of the straightest sect.

**To be godly**, is to be Godlike, come at once to the mark—to be godly is to have a constant eye to God, to recognize Him in all things, to trust Him, to love Him, to serve Him.

**The ungodly man** is one who does not have an eye to God in his daily business, to recognize Him in all things, to trust Him, to love Him, to serve Him. He sees the service of others, but he doesn’t see God. He hears the preaching, he comes up to the altar for prayer he bows his head, but there is not a manifestation from God. There is no hearing of His voice, there is no bowing before His Throne.

Not devoted to obeying God; violating moral structure, irreverent, impious or wicked; morally wrong; bad person: condemned, guilty, one that did wrong.

1Peter 4:18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Evil is of great concern to the righteous. We must always be before the Lord dealing with the presence of evil and our responsibility toward it.

Who is to blame for wicked in God's kingdom and church. It is not God's servant but the devil who is responsible. God's servant is not at fault for hypocrites in the church; he is not to be blamed for hypocrites.

 Great caution and patience must always be shown in dealing with the sins of men.

1. A Fearful Double Negative
   1. The ungodly are not so
      1. No Blessing but under the curse

Mat. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Gal. 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

2Peter 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

* + 1. No guiding principles

Mt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Fearing men causes several things.

1)  It causes a person to become disturbed within heart and mind: the loss of peace.

2)  It causes a person to lose his fervor and his sense of commitment.

3)  It causes a person to be sidetracked and to give up what he knows to be God's will: the loss of mission and meaning and purpose.

God has given us a great and glorious cause: Reach men for Christ.

Some men do not want to be reached; They rebel and react and become our persecutors. But some do want to be saved. The fact that they are saved to live forever is so glorious that it is worth whatever suffering we have to bear.

God has given us a great hope and great Power.

 There is a remedy to keep us from fearing men: God. **God is to be feared**

* + 1. No special Providence
  1. The Godly

Ps 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

1. A Terrifying Comparison

They are like nothing that has life, nothing that is of any value. They are **like chaff**.

1. An Awful Prophesy

They "are like the chaff which the **wind *driveth away****."* Where—where—where? Where are they driven?

The man is in health. The sun shines, the sky is calm, the world is still about him. Suddenly there is seen a little cloud the size of a man’s hand. A little signal overtakes him. The hurricane begins to rise but first it is but a faint breath. The wicked man feels the cold air blowing on him, but he screens it with the

physician and he thinks that surely he shall live. The storm is on. God has decreed it and man cannot stop it. The breath becomes a gale, the gale a wind, the wind a storm, the storm a howling hurricane. His soul is swept away.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Mat. 3:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.