**THE**

**BOOK OF PSALMS**

*The Psalms are called by the Hebrews* TEHILLIM*, that is, Hymns of Praise. The author, of a great part of them at least, was king David: but many are of opinion that some of them were made by Asaph, and others whose names are prefixed in the titles.*

**PSALM 1**

Beatus vir.

*The happiness of the just and the evil state of the wicked.*

**1** Blessed is the man who hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the chair of pestilence:

**2** But his will is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he shall meditate day and night.

**3** And he shall be like a tree which is planted near the running waters, which shall bring forth its fruit, in due season. And his leaf shall not fall off: and all whatsoever he shall do shall prosper.

**4** Not so the wicked, not so: but like the dust, which the wind driveth from the face of the earth.

**5** Therefore the wicked shall not rise again in judgment: nor sinners in the council of the just.

**6** For the Lord knoweth the way of the just: and the way of the wicked shall perish.