

**A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF MALACHI 2:6-7**

True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips.  
He walked with me in integrity and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## **PSALM 1**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.