

# How blest is he who ne'er consents

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Text: Tate/Brady, on Ps. 1

## PSALM I.

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Ungodly men, and their attempts	Their guilt shall strike the wicked dumb	For God approves the just man's ways,
No lasting root shall find:	Before their judge's face:	To happiness they tend;
Untimely blasted, and dispers'd	No formal hypocrite shall then	But sinners, and the paths they tread,
Like chaff before the wind.	Among the saints have place.	Shall both in ruin end.

The alto and tenor parts are given in the alto and tenor clefs respectively in the source. The notes in the soprano part on the second beat of bar 8 and in bar 9 are both printed in the source as G#, but have here been emended to G $\natural$  as more consistent with the harmony. The first verse of text is underlaid in the source, with all subsequent verses printed after the music: of these, verses 2 and 3 have here been underlaid additionally.