

Psalm 26

Psalms 26:1-3 [King James] *“Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide. Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.”*

King David is **not** saying he is blameless but is asking God to judge his life as a whole. The Hebrew translated “*integrity*” comes from a root word “*tamam*” referring to completeness, all we have done.

What King David is claiming is his trust in the Creator God and a lifelong seeking for the truth.

Part of that truth is the loving kindness of the Creator God.

King David did sin, but when it was shown that he had, his instant response was to ask for God’s forgiveness; Psalm 51 is a perfect example of this instant request for forgiveness.

This attitude of heart, that is the driving force of our life, is what made King David so special in God’s eyes, [Acts 13:22].

This is also why the Creator God trusts King David to lead all the tribes of Israel in the Kingdom of God, after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 37:21-25 [New King James] *“Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.””*

Any future responsibilities we may be given by Jesus Christ in the future will be dependent on the direction our heart takes us now.

Psalms 26:4-5 [New King James] *“And I have walked in Your truth. I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, nor will I go in with hypocrites. I have hated the assembly of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.”*

These were actions that King David’s heart made him comply with. **King David had to live in a world that was often following pagan gods, but he was not a part of it.**

John 17:15-19 [New King James] *“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”*

Jesus Christ prayed that His disciples would be sanctified [set apart] by the truth, God’s Word, the Christian Bible, [John 17:17] even when they were sent into the hostile Godless society to be a witness for Him.

Psalms 26:6-7 [New King James] *“I will wash my hands in innocence; so I will go about Your altar, O LORD, that I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works.”*

King David was confirming to his Creator God that he would be a witness to all who knew him, telling them how great the Creator God he worshipped was.

Psalms 26:8 [New King James] *“LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.”*

King David loved to be in the presence of the Creator God he worshipped.

Psalms 26:9-10 [New King James] *“Do not gather my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands is a sinister scheme, and whose right hand is full of bribes.”*

King David was reminding the Creator God he worshipped, that he had nothing in common with such evil people, so was asking that he would **not** be judged along with them.

Psalms 26:11 [New King James] *“But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be merciful to me.”*

King David was asking for this innocence [one meaning of Hebrew word translated integrity] would receive a separate personal judgement from God, filled with mercy and love.

Psalms 26:12 [New King James] *“My foot stands in an even place; in the congregations I will bless the LORD.”*

The Hebrew word translated “even” is “mîyshôwr” from a root word meaning pleasant and prosperous.

When we read of all the trials that David went through in his life it shows his trust and love for the Creator God to make such a statement.

The Hebrew word translated “bless” is “bârak” which means an act of adoration, praise and thanks.

King David wanted all who knew him to see this act of worshipping the true Creator God.