

Psalm 26

Examine and Prove Me

-A Psalm of David

- David, a man who sinned had the audacity, the confidence to ask this! Why?
 - Experienced (in) God's Love
 - No Fear

Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord, therefore I shall not slide. (v. 1)

- Confident in his heart condition before God
 - Sincere
 - Honest

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. (v. 2-3)

- Examine, Prove, Try
 - My Reins – Inward Being
 - My Heart - Spirit
- “Your loving kindness is before my eyes” - Focus; Seek
- Walked in Thy Truth
 - Believed
 - Conduct

I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evildoers; and will not sit with the wicked. I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord. That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wonderous works. (v. 4-7)

- I have not SAT with – not in agreement with
 - Vain Person (disbeliever)
 - Dissemblers (strife)
- I have hated
 - Evil Doers (in action)
 - Wicked (in their heart)
- I will wash mine hands
 - Clean because they are washed – Jesus is the cleanser
 - I draw near to God, not away
- Rejoice!
 - Tell about God; to Advertise

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men. (v. 8-10)

- Loved Thy House – Want to be with the Lord
- “And the place where Thy honor dwelleth” - Very personal
 - To see God or to commune with God

- His love abides
- His honor abides
- Loving God's House, presence/Him vs. Loving lies, deception, vanity; things that are not the truth
- "Gather not" - God has the authority and power to do this
 - Souls are subject to God

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord. (v. 11-12)

- Honest and Sincere before God
 - Letting God Be God, Resting in His ability to keep our soul
- My foot standeth in an even place – Rest, assurance, peace
 - God knows my heart and will keep my heart
 - I love God and trust in Him; He makes me secure
- God is pleased with what He sees as my core motives; God loves and honest and sincere heart