

## 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