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PSALMS - The SONGS

Twenty-six

I Will Walk in My Integrity

READ AND OBSERVE

Read through **Psalm 26** and mark every reference to the LORD, including pronouns and synonyms, with a red triangle.

Read through **Psalm 26** and mark every reference to the psalmist or righteous man, along with all pronouns and synonyms, with a blue capital "R+".

Read through **Psalm 26** and mark every reference to evildoers, along with all pronouns and synonyms, with an orange capital "W".

Read through **Psalm 26** and mark every reference to the "walk" of the righteous person, along with all pronouns and synonyms, by highlighting in light brown.

Read through **Psalm 26** and mark every contrast with a pink diagonal line.

Read through **Psalm 26** and divide the passage into the following segments. Mark and title these segments in your text using brackets in the margin.

1. I have walked in my integrity
2. I shall walk in my integrity

READ AND ANSWER

Psalm 26:1-7

This **Psalm** is attributed to David. What does he ask the LORD to do?

Why does David believe he deserves vindication?

- 1.
- 2.



David must have passed the test because in 1 Kings 9:4 God, Himself, declares him to have walked in integrity.

As part of the judging process, what does David invite the LORD to do?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Why is David so confident he will pass the examination process?

- 1.
- 2.

In contrast to embracing the LORD's truth, what does David eschew?

- 1.
- 2.

3.

4.

Who does David not sit down with?

Who will David not follow?

Who does David not gather together with?

Who will David not dwell with?



**David, a man after God's own heart, walked in His truth.
He did not keep company
with deceitful men, pretenders, evildoers, or the wicked.**

**This is still walking in God's truth today—nothing has changed.
And yet many Christians think they can hang around with whomever they wish.**

Not so.

**A little leaven leavens the whole lump today as much as it did 2,000 years ago
when Paul exhorted the Corinthians.**

**Other than bringing the gospel to sinners,
we must remember that the world is God's enemy
when we consider our relationships and associations.**

**Yes, we may lose fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters...
We may lose friends and family of all kinds...
We may lose most of what others consider necessary in this life...**

But...

**With certainty we gain absolutely everything...
including all of eternity with our God...**

What does David declare he is able to do?

What does David declare he will do?



Exodus 40:30-32

***He placed the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar
and put water in it for washing.
From it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.
When they entered the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar,
they washed, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.***

Why? What benefit does innocence bring?

1.

2.

What does it mean to “go about the LORD’S altar” in this case? (Hint: **Verse 7**)



Psalm 27:6

***And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,
And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.***

Psalm 42:4

***These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me.
For I used to go along with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.***

What will David proclaim—probably in song?

What will David declare—probably in song?

Psalm 26:8-12

What does David emotionally tell the LORD he loves?

1.

2.

Where does the LORD'S Glory dwell?



**Prior to the temple being built by David's son Solomon,
God's Glory dwelt in the tabernacle.**

**The tabernacle was built at Mount Sinai
when Israel first received God's Covenant.
They carried it with them in the wilderness,
above which His Glory was seen in the form of cloud and fire—
called the Shekinah Glory.**

What does David ask of the LORD?

1.

2.

What is going to happen to sinners and men of bloodshed?

What is in the hands of men of bloodshed?

What is in the right hand of men of bloodshed?



The right hand, usually the stronger and more dextrous, is symbolic of the power or ability to successfully perform an act.

Who is contrasted in **verse 11** with the sinners and men of bloodshed?

What will David do differently than sinners?

What does David ask the LORD to do for him?

1.

2.

Where does David's foot stand?

What is meant by a level place?

If your foot stands on a level place, what benefit do you have?



**By walking in his integrity—
in the ways of the LORD—
David will assure himself of less temptation to sin
and less opportunity to stumble.**

What is David going to do?



**The Hebrew word for “bless” is *barak*
and means to kneel.**

By implication it means to bless God as an act of adoration.

With whom will he bless the LORD?



Notice that congregations is plural.

David is planning on blessing the Lord with multitudes of congregations, day after day... week after week... month after month... and year after year...

for the rest of his life.

READ AND REASON

In **verse 1**, David declares he has (in the past) walked in his integrity. In **verse 11**, he changes the tense and declares he will (in the future) walk in his integrity. Walking in integrity does not dismiss the idea that all our righteousness must come from God.

Instead, this is talking about making choices as we walk—choices based on God's righteousness, ones that will ensure that our road is as straight as it can be.

A straight and level path will make it much easier for our feet to finish the course...



**Try titling these segments yourself.
Ask God to help you.**

Verses 1-7

Verses 8-12

~ Purpose of Psalm 26

**Try to identify the purpose of Psalm 26.
The purpose simply states “why the Psalmist wrote the Psalm”.**

~ Theme of Psalm 26

**Try giving Psalm 26 a title by identifying its theme.
The theme simply states “what the Psalm is about”.**
