

Psalm 26

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OF DAVID

- 1 Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- 2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.
- 4 I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- 5 I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- 8 O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.
- 9 Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
- 10 in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- 11 But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

The Walk of True Life

To be judged by God?

Some opening credentials (Faithful living)

- Pursuing the walk of integrity (vv.1-3)
- Avoiding the seat of sinners (vv.4-5)

A hopeful approach (Covenantal practises)

- Innocence (v.6)
- Worship (v.7)
- Devotion (v.8)

An earnest plea (Residual fears)

- Protection from the fate of the wicked (v.9)
- Protection from the wiles of the wicked (v.10)

The saving grace! (v.11)

The final verdict and outcome (v.12)

To be redeemed by God!