

## ***Psalm 101***

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- A Psalm of David in which he describes the perfect king, and the perfect kingdom, the One to come.
  - Even though neither David nor his kingdom were perfect, he had a heart inclined to the One that was!
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V: 1 Singing of mercy and justice to the one who is merciful and just and who has called us to walk in these things.

**Micah 6:8** “He has shown thee O man, what is good and what does the Lord require of thee? But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

V: 2 Have you ever, like David, declared that you’re going to behave properly or blamelessly - that desire like in **Micah 6:8** “... to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

- That desire to do the right thing, but at the same time finding yourself seemingly unable to actually do it - recognizing the need for God’s help and intervention.
- When Lord will you come and help me? Then I will be able to walk that way, in a way that is pleasing to you, with a perfect heart.

V: 3 From David this is a commitment to purity and integrity: In an age of promiscuity, perversion, and rampant pornography this is an appropriate exhortation.

**Job 31:1** “I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman.”

**Habakkuk 1:13** “You are of purer eyes than to behold evil,...”

- Sometimes it’s our failures in this area that provoke us to a greater commitment, a real desire for purity and holiness.

**Matthew 18:8** “And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.”

Paul exhorts us:

**Romans 16:19** “... I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil.”

V: 3b There are those who have turned away from the faith, who seek to draw others away from the faith - the David is saying I hate their works, their attempts to ruin the faith of others and none of it will cling to me - I will ignore them, talk to the palm!

**Romans 16:17** “Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.”

- Generally speaking, we don't want the things that defile to stick to us, we need to wash them off - something that only Jesus can do for us.

**John 15:3** “You are already clean because of the Word which I have spoken to you.”

**Ephesians 5:26** “That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word.”

V: 4 He's going to put some distance between himself and those with a perverse heart:

**Psalms 1:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup>He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.”

**2 Corinthians 6:14** “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?”

- A perverse heart is a twisted heart, one that does not conform to the will of God.

**Proverbs 11:20** “Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the Lord, but the blameless in their ways are His delight.”

- David's life didn't always reflect these noble ideals, they weren't necessarily the realities of his own life as much the lessons he's learned after having fallen short, after having failed.
- It's one thing to fail in these areas, it's something else to stay there or not to have learned a lesson as a result of these failures.

**Proverbs 24:16** “For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity.”

V: 5 A perverse heart, a twisted heart produces a deceitful tongue:

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**Matthew 12:34-35** “<sup>34</sup>Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup>A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.”

- This could be David saying that he will take up the cause of the downtrodden, the victims, or it could almost be God speaking; yet again it's David speaking lofty ideals.
- David's son Solomon later addresses some of these things in the proverbs:

**Proverbs 6:16-19** “<sup>16</sup>These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup>A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup>a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, <sup>19</sup>a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

V:6-8 This seems to be an expression of David's ideals, his desires - to be a righteous judge, a good servant in the gates of the “city of the Lord” in Jerusalem.

- At the same time it also speaks to or describes what will one day be - the righteous rule and reign of Jesus Christ when He comes again.
- What David says that he would like to do, the kind of government that he would like to form, and the kind of rule that he would like to have will indeed all be fulfilled when Jesus comes to rule and reign in righteousness.

**Psalms 24:3-4** “<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.”