

## Psalm 26

## A Psalm of David

King James Version (KJV)

**26** Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide. (slide= waiver)

<sup>2</sup>Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. (prove= a penetrating glance – as to test ones heart)

<sup>3</sup>For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. (The truth of God's word, not religions "doctrine")

<sup>4</sup>I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. (vain= worthless, those who don't have time for God) (dissemblers= those who plot evil)

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked. (Teach them, if they ask. Don't join them)

<sup>6</sup>I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

<sup>7</sup>That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

<sup>8</sup>LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. (This was a tent on Mount Zion, at this time)

<sup>9</sup>Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

<sup>10</sup>In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes. (corrupt government in Jerusalem, in David's absence)

<sup>11</sup>But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

<sup>12</sup>My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

Promises to be claimed by those who try to be righteous

Psalms 26 -> 29 were written when David was escaping Absalom to avoid a civil war.