

Psalm 26

Jesus

A Psalm of David.

Integrity

1 **Vindicate me**, O Lord, For I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the Lord; I shall not slip. 2 **Examine me**, O Lord, and **prove me; Try my mind and my heart**. 3 For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have **walked in Your truth**. 4 I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites. 5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked. 6 **I will wash my hands** in innocence; **So I will go** about Your altar, O Lord, 7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works. 8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells. 9 Do not gather my soul with sinners, Nor my life with bloodthirsty men, 10 In whose hands is a sinister scheme, And whose right hand is full of bribes. 11 But as for me, **I will walk in my integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to me**. 12 My foot stands in an even place; In the congregations **I will bless the Lord**.

v1-2 Vindicate Me/Examine Me/Prove Me/Try my Mind and Heart
How do we know where we are at with the Lord?

Psalm 139:23 [David] **Search me**, O God, and know my heart; **Try me**, and know my anxieties; 24 And **see if there is** any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

1 Corinthians 4:3 ...it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, **I do not even judge myself**. 4 For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but **He who judges me is the Lord**.

▪ How am I doing Checklist...

1. **Love** Are we focusing on God's loving-kindness?
2. **Truth** Are the decisions we make based in God's truth?
3. **Obedience** Are we willing to cut off bad associations? Stop listening to fools?

Many Christians can trace a lost youth or fruitless middle years to the bad influence of evil persons, whom they looked up to and even envied at one time." [Boice]

Psalm 1:1 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: ²But **his delight is in the law** of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water...

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: **Evil company corrupts good habits**.

v3 I will keep Your lovingkindness always before my eyes...

David knew w/out focus on God's loving-kindness he could never have the genuine/consistent obedient walk w/the Lord he desired...just a legalistic jerky-motion imitation. [NJC]

Obedience cannot be sustained without the sweetness of God's presence and glory. [Guzik]

v6 **I will wash my hands of all that your disdain**
v11 **Instead I will walk in my integrity**

- **Integrity definition:** Doing what we say we are going to do

Psalm 15:4 [God honors] ...those who fear the Lord; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change

How the world needs men/woman/youth who walk in integrity/excellence

Proverbs 20:7 The righteous man walks in his integrity His **children are blessed** after him.

- **I will walk in my integrity:** rt. Be made complete. Walk in who we are in Christ

My part? I choose to obey. **God's part?** Empower me to succeed
v12 **If I missed something in self-examination...Be merciful to me**

Psalm 19:12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from **secret faults.**

Maybe I still feel guilty after confessing my sin...**STOP**
Since God forgave us we have no right to not forgive ourselves

1 John 3:20 ... if our heart condemns us, **God is greater than our heart**, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, **we have confidence toward God.** [orig. freedom w/ regard to God...]

V8 I love the House where Your Glory Dwells
David did not want anything keeping Him from the presence of the Lord

Psalm 84:10 For a **day in Your courts** is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

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Psalm 27

Jesus

I. Light/Salvation/Strength

A Psalm of David.

1The Lord is **my light** and **my salvation**; Whom shall **I fear**? The Lord is the strength of **my life**; Of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. 3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, **In this I will be confident.** 4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That **I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life**, To behold the **beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.** 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. 6 And now my **head shall be lifted up** above my enemies all around me; **Therefore** I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord. 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8 When You said, "Seek My face,"

My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."9 Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother **forsake me, Then the Lord will take care of me.** 11 **Teach me Your way,** O Lord, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. 12 Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence. 13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would **see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.** 14 **Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage,** And **He shall strengthen** your heart; **Wait,** I say, on the Lord!

- **Scene:** David surrounded by enemies meditates on the Lord
David confident in the Lord when he should be shivering in his boots
The Lord is my Light/my Salvation/my Strength
- **God is Light**

1 John 1:5 ...God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

- God is **our Light and Salvation**

God Himself brought light to David's life. He did not despair in darkness and all that it represented. His life was filled with the LORD, and **his life was filled with light.** [Guzik]

Ephesians 5:8 For you were **once darkness,** but now you are **light in the Lord.** Walk as **children of light** 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)

1 Peter 2:9b...[God] called you **out of darkness** into His marvelous light

1 Thessalonians 5:5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

- **Jesus is Light/Revelation**

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the **light of men.** 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it... 9 Light which gives light to **every man** coming into the world...

**Every man receives the Light/Revelation which demands a choice
Respond to the Light...Receive more Light**

- **God speaks Light into darkness**
 1. **Creation:** Let there be Light
 2. **Salvation:** Let there be Light

2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to **give the light of the knowledge** of the glory of God **in the face of Jesus Christ.**

There was Light before the stars, sun, and moon created on the fourth day
Light was revealed on the first day...God Himself

Revelation 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. **The Lamb is its light.**

The Lord is our Light/Salvation/**Strength**

If we rarely know what it is to have God be the **strength** of our life, perhaps it is because we trust in so many other things for strength. We find it easy to trust in our wisdom, our experience, our friends, and our resources. David knew a strength greater than all of those. [Guzik]

- **v4** I shall not want for this life but...

One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life To behold the **beauty of the Lord** And to inquire in His temple.

- **Beauty:** heb. *no'-am* lit. kindness, pleasant, delightful, favor. rt., sweet, lovely

There is richness in God, revealed to the seeking heart, that **many people never know**. It is a shame that David knew this under the Old Covenant, and so many of us — with a greater covenant and greater promises — **never know it**. [Guzik of God's beauty]

v10 David: When those who are supposed to love me forsake me
I know that I know...The Lord will take care of me

Isaiah 49:15 Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, **Yet I will not forget you.**

From a parent, we want acceptance, to be heard, guidance, and protection. God can fulfill each of these for all, including someone who never received these from a parent. [Boyce]

v10-13 I would have melted away without this hope...
I will see the goodness of the Lord no matter how things look now

David speaks to us: Wait for His Strength

14 Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; **Wait, I say, on the Lord!**

Make Room for the Lord to work...To deal w/our enemies for us

Romans 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather **give place to wrath...** **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Waiting's over when Jesus returns...

Isaiah 25:9 [Kingdom Begins] And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We **have waited for Him**, and He will save us. This is the Lord; **We have waited for Him**; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Psalm 27 Light/Salvation/Strength

Psalm 28

Jesus

A Psalm of David.

Waiting for a Perez

1 To You I will cry, O Lord my Rock: Do not be silent to me, Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. 2 Hear the voice of my supplications When I cry to You, When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary. 3 Do not take me away with the wicked And with the workers of iniquity, Who speak peace to their neighbors, But **evil is in their hearts**. 4 Give them according to their deeds, And according to the wickedness of their endeavors; Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve. 5 Because they do not regard the works of the Lord, Nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them And not build them up. 6 **Blessed be the Lord**, Because He has heard the voice of my supplications! 7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; My **heart trusted** in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my **heart greatly rejoices**, And with my song I will praise Him. 8 The Lord is their strength, And He is the saving refuge of His anointed. 9 Save Your people, And bless Your inheritance; Shepherd them also, And bear them up forever.

- Three different hearts of Psalm 28 [Guzik]
 1. **v3** Evil Heart
 2. **v7** Trusting Heart leading to the...
 3. **v7** Rejoicing Heart
 - **vv 1-5** David seems to be graveling/Actually drawing on mustard seed of faith
 1. I cry. Don't be silent. Hear me. Wicked surround. Vexed.
 2. Give them the business Lord/What they deserve
- v 6 Sea Change/Breakthrough**
- **vv 6-9** Something changes. His prayers breakthrough
 1. I know He heard my voice
 2. I know/feel His strength/His protection

My heart trusted...New York minute I'm different. Refreshed. Renewed

Suddenly the prayer becomes a song of praise, an **act of adoration**. [Morgan]

- Judah/Tamar sorted relationship
- Tamar pregnant by father-in-law Judah...

Genesis 38:27 Now it came to pass, at the time for giving birth, that behold, twins were in her womb. 28 And so it was, when she was giving birth, that the one put out his hand; and the midwife took a scarlet thread and bound it on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." 29 Then it happened, as he drew back his hand, that his brother came out unexpectedly; and she said, "**How did you break through?** This breach be upon you!" Therefore his name was called **Perez** [lit. **Breakthrough**]. 30 Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet thread on his hand. And his name was called Zerah.

- Pray/Believe/expect **there will be a Perez/breakthrough**

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be **given** to you; **seek**, and you will **find**; **knock**, and it will be **opened** to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 21:22 ...whatever things you ask in prayer, **believing**, you will receive.

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will **ask what you desire**, and it shall be done for you.

James 1:6 ... ask in faith, with **no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

v 9 Save Your people, And bless Your inheritance; Shepherd them also, And bear them up forever.

- Begins with scraping up faith for himself [Perez]
- Concludes w/praying for others. Something changed...

Wait with eager expectancy...there will be a Breakthrough

Psalm 28 Waiting for a Perez

Psalm 29

Jesus

A Psalm of David.

God is God

1 Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, **Give unto the Lord** glory and strength. 2 Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. 3 **The voice of the Lord is over the waters**; The God of glory thunders; The Lord is over many waters. 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire. 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; The Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!" 10 The **Lord sat enthroned at the Flood**, And the Lord sits as King forever. 11 The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.

- **Psalm of undiluted praise...**

Revelation 5:12... [Angels/Elders] ...saying w/ a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To **receive** power/riches/wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Q. How can we give God anything He does not already have?

A. Give Him Praise...Recognizing the awesome attributes/qualities He already possesses

The God that rules on high, And thunders when he please, That rides upon the stormy sky And manages the seas; This awesome God is ours, Our Father and our love, He shall send down his heavenly powers To carry us above. [Anonymous]

- v2 Worship Him in the **Beauty of His Holiness**
- Exempt of all things dark/sinful/ugly/perverse...**totally set apart...yet took on our sin**

The physical pain of the cross, though excruciating, pales in comparison to the spiritual and emotional anguish Jesus endured when the Father turned away as His Son took our sin upon His sinless body experiencing what no man can fully comprehend... **the shock of that moment as Beauty experienced horror**; The sinless One becoming sin for us that we might be the righteousness of God. [NJC]

Jesus Resurrected on 3rd day and Ascended to the right hand of the Father
Now/Forever He reigns in the Beauty of His Holiness.

- **vv 3-9** The Awesome Voice of the Lord
- **Over waters:** Over Nations

Is not God the King of kings, and the Ruler of the whole earth? Should he, then, speak with a voice below his own dignity? Should not the king speak with the voice of a king? Should not a mighty monarch speak with a monarch's tongue? And surely, if God be God, and if he be the Master of all worlds, and the Emperor of the universe, he must, when he speaks, speak with the monarch's tongue and with a majestic voice. [Spurgeon]

v10 The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood
Continues to sit as King forever...

- **The Lord is not moved.** Rock. His temper does not flare like man. Not impulsive
- **Steadfast:** He sits whether blessing or pouring out wrath.

Psalm 135:5... I know that the Lord is great, And our Lord is above all gods. 6 Whatever the Lord pleases He does, In heaven and in earth

Destroying the earth's unrepentant inhabitants w/ water...God sat still on His throne as King
When He again destroys the earth/enemies w/ fire he will still be sitting. **Yet...**

v11 The Lord will give **strength to His people...**He will **bless His people** w/peace
We want to be on the right side

Psalm 29 God is God.

Psalm 30

Jesus

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the house of David.

Lifted Up without Falling Down

1 I will extol You, O Lord, for **You have lifted me up**, And have not let my foes rejoice over me. 2 O Lord my God, **I cried** out to You, And **You healed** me. 3 O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. 4 Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. 5 For **His anger is but for a moment**, His **favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night**, But **joy comes in the morning**. 6 Now in my prosperity I said, "**I shall never be moved.**" 7 Lord, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; **You hid Your face, and I was**

troubled. 8 I cried out to You, O Lord; And to the Lord I made supplication: 9 "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth? 10 Hear, O Lord, and **have mercy on me**; Lord, **be my helper!**" 11 You have turned for me my **mourning into dancing**; You have put off my **sackcloth and clothed me with gladness**, 12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

- David struggles being blessed. Will he be able to handle the dedication on his palace?

**David remembers his sin/God's mercy in past
Ups/downs of Life...**

- **vv 1-2 David remembers when he was down:**
 1. I sinned/I cried out...You healed me
 2. Brought my soul up for grave

Psalm 6:2 [David] Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for **my bones are troubled.**

Now this sinner stands before his Palace dedication

- **vv 4-5 David remembers God's past faithfulness in discipline**
 1. Your anger is for a moment...I know Your **Favor for life**
 2. My weeping was for a Night...But it will end in **Joy in Morning**

Now I remember how I fell...

In my prosperity I said...I shall never be moved

- **v 6 David remembers when he was up. Too up:** I'm doing pretty good for myself...

We are never in greater danger than in the sunshine of prosperity. [Struther]

- **When I was doing good** I said I will not be moved. Pride before fall.
- **I got too big for** my bridges: You hid your face/Humbled me/Tough times
- **You made me lie down...so I could only look up.**

v7 Grace built me up again

After my sin/my pain You turned my mourning to dancing/Grief into gladness

**This time...Help me to handle Your blessings without Pride
That with the glory You give me I might sing praise back to You**

Psalm 30 Lifted Up without Falling Down