

A Psalm of David.

1. **I will sing** of **steadfast love** and **justice**;
to you, O Lord, I will make music.
2. I will **ponder the way** that is **blameless**.
Oh **when will you come** to me?
I will walk with **integrity of heart**
within my house;
3. **I will not set before my eyes**
anything that is **worthless**.
I hate the work of those who fall away;
it **shall not cling to me**.
4. **A perverse heart shall be far from me**;
I will **know nothing of evil**.
5. **Whoever slanders** his neighbor secretly
I will destroy. Whoever has a **haughty look and**
an arrogant heart I will not endure.
6. **I will look with favor** on the **faithful** in the land, that
they may dwell with me;
he who walks in the way that is **blameless**
shall **minister to me**.
7. **No one** who practices **deceit**
shall **dwel in my house**;
no one who utters **lies**
shall **continue before my eyes**.
8. Morning by morning I will **destroy**
all the wicked in the land,
cutting off all the evildoers
from the city of the Lord.

David and his Psalm points us to two realities:

1. **The Only One who lived His life perfectly resolved was Jesus.** He did that for us. To redeem us by His love for when we fail. Jesus fulfilled all of these resolutions and more.
 - He kept Himself and his eyes free from the sin of lust.
 - Didn't let sin get a hold of him in the first place. Or cling.
 - No perverse heart, evil, slanderers, haughty, arrogant.
 - He hated sin and evil, yet loved sinners with mercy.
 - Not corrupted by company though surrounded by sinners.
 - Perfectly just judge. Reveals God's righteous anger.
 - Walked w/ God perfectly w/ integrity. *Public and Solitary.*
2. **Resolutions are good.** Can be helpful. They remind us that we are weak and limited in our ability to keep them, which can point us back to Jesus. They can also keep a picture in front of us of what we want to be and become. More like Jesus. Keep us humble. Dependent.

**Must remember grace, mercy and love of God for sinners, keeping us humble. In Christ, I can fail, b/c grace is waiting for me. Yes I'm a sinner, but I'm a redeemed sinner.*

 - Otherwise, resolutions will lead to either **Pride or Despair:** *self-righteous, critical, judgmental OR self-hatred/loathing, sabotage, giving up, pointlessness, hopelessness, anxiety.*
 - **Spurgeon:** *"Like David, We too often need to write a psalm of repentance soon after our psalm of resolution."*

Intro: Jonathan Edwards. Resolutions. 18-19yrs old.

Thesis: *B/c of the steadfast love & justice of God, we can resolve to walk with integrity.*

v1. Prelude. Intro. Overview. Remember always His *chesed* loving mercy and justice. Righteousness. Holiness. His **"God"-ness. EXODUS 34.**

v.2 - Ponder the blameless way. *Righteous path. "The good way." The right way to live, think, talk, walk.*

- **When will you come?** *I'm waiting.*
- **I will walk.** *Intentional steps. One at a time.*
- **Integrity of Heart.** *Inward obedience. Attitude. Not just external actions. When people are looking. Also, in my motivations and thoughts and intentions.*

"Within my house." *What do you do when you're all by yourself, totally alone, for an extended amount of time, when you know nobody else will be coming around? On your Phone? TV? If you're answer is one that brings up shameful memories, or shameful thoughts of what you know would do or think about doing, that's what David is getting at. "God, I don't just want to be a public 'good guy.' I want integrity."*

- *That's why he continues...*

v.3. - I will have eye control. *Not watch or look at anything that is not profitable to me. Covenant Eyes.*

- **I hate the work of rebels (evil deeds).** *Hate the sin, not the sinner. Won't let it cling to me. When I feel myself weighed down, when I feel it sticking and attaching itself to me, I will work to get rid of it.*

Wet Swim Shirt. *Hard to get off! Clings to you!*

v.4-5 - No perverse heart, evil, slanderers, haughty, arrogant.

v.7-8 - No deceivers or liars will be around me. Surround myself with good influences. "Bad company corrupts."

v.6 - Look to the faithful for influence and motivation.

Believers who have lived the life I want to live. I will learn from them. They will minister (teach) to me.

"Man. This is good stuff." I wish I was able to make resolutions like this. Live like this. Guess what?

This is David we're talking about!

- *The David within his home that saw Bathsheba bathing on a roof, and didn't turn his eyes away. He lingered and let the sin of lust cling to him. Got her pregnant.*
- *The David who had Uriah killed, attempted to deceive and lie about it to his people, himself and to God.*
- *The David who responded with just anger when he heard about one of his anonymous citizens stealing neighbors sheep, before being confronted with the brutal fact that his sin was way worse.*
- *The David who couldn't live the life he wanted to live, because he was a sinner. Who kept doing the things he didn't want to do, and didn't do what he want to!*
- **Edwards Intro to Resolutions.**
- **Part of walking with integrity,** *is walking in the knowledge that I am a sinner, I will continue to sin, but in Christ I'm forgiven and set free from the power of sin to be a redeemed sinner who's becoming more like Jesus.*