

Psalm 101

A LIFE OF INTEGRITY

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Introduction:

Superscription: "A Psalm of David."

I. ASPIRING TO A BLAMELESS WAY IN MY PRIVATE LIFE (vs. 1-4)

A. The Purpose of Praise (vs. 1)

"I will sing of lovingkindness and justice ... "

"to You, O LORD, I will sing praises."

B. The Practice of Piety (vs. 2)

"I will give heed to the blameless way."

Genesis 17:1 Psalm119:1

"When will You come to me?" (II Samuel 6:9)

"I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart."

C. The Precaution of Purity (vs. 3)

"I will set no worthless thing before my eyes." (Psalm 119:37)

Ecclesiastes 2:10 Genesis 3:6 Judges 14:2 Il Samuel 11:2, 4 Job 31:1 Proverbs 4:25

"I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not fasten its grip on me."

D. The Purging of Perversity (vs. 4)

"A perverse heart shall depart from me." (Proverbs 11:20)

"I will know no evil."

II. ACHIEVING A BLAMELESS WAY IN MY PUBLIC LIFE (vs. 5-8)

A. No Character Assassination (vs. 5)

"Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy."

"no one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure."

B. Seek Corrective Associations (vs. 6)

"My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me."

I Peter 2:13-14

"He who walks in a blameless way is the one who will minister to me."

C. Demand Conscientious Accuracy (vs. 7)

"He who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house."

"He who speaks falsehood shall not maintain his position before me." (Proverbs 17:20)

D. Call in God's Authority (vs. 8)

Every morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land, so as to cut off from the city of the LORD all those who do iniquity." (II Samuel 15:2)

Conclusion: A godly person...

- 1) praises the Lord for His faithful love and justice (vs. 1)
- 2) maintains a spiritual relationship with the Lord (vs. 2)
- 3) does not tolerate evil (vs. 3-4)
- 4) surrounds himself with godly people (vs. 5-6)
- 5) disassociates himself from ungodly people (vs. 7-8)

Food for Thought:

- 1) How does genuine praise help you to live a godly life?
- 2) Define or describe the meaning of "in the integrity of my heart".
- 3) By contrast, what does the psalmist mean by "a perverse heart" and "an arrogant heart"?
- 4) How do you consistently "walk in a blameless way"?