



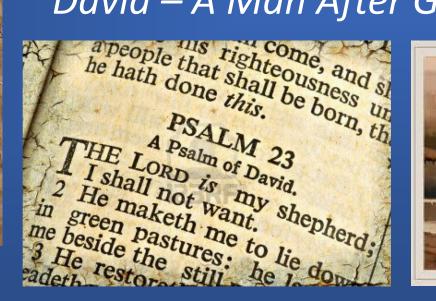




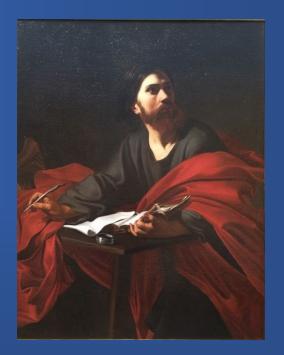
The Life of David



Psalm 26 & 139
David – A Man After God's Own Heart







- David's prayer for divine vindication (26:1)
 - He asks the Lord to pass judgment and show him to be innocent of false accusations
 - O Because he lives in a consistent pattern of integrity
 - O Because he trusts in the Lord without hesitating

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- David's invitation of divine examination (vv2-8)
 - He asks the Lord to
 - o Examine him (to assess the purity of his integrity and character)
 - O Try him (to put him to the test)
 - Test his mind (his conscience and moral convictions)
 - o Test his heart (the disposition, emotions, and will of his inner man)
 - He offers to the Lord the evidences of his heart and deeds

Before Examination

GOD

"Vindicate me, O Lord"

"Examine me" "Try me"

"Test my mind and heart"

What I Love

David

What I Hate

The habitation of Your house

The place where Your glory dwells

What I Do

Walk in integrity (innocence)

Trust in You without wavering

Recognize and look to Your lovingkindness

Walk in Your truth

Wash my hands in innocence

Go about Your alter to give thanks and offer praise

What I Don't Do

Sit with deceitful men

Go with pretenders

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After Examination

"Spare me from the death and doom of sinners"

"Redeem (rescue) me"

"Be gracious to me"

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- David's confidence in divine standing (v12)

Psalm 26 Reflections

- Characteristics of being a man/woman after God's own heart
 - Seeks to walk in integrity before the Lord
 - Invites divine examination of every area of life
 - Loves and pursues all that God loves, commands, and teaches
 - Hates and avoids all that opposes God
 - Loves to personally and corporately worship and exalt the Lord
 - Longs for the glory of God

- God is all-knowing (139:1-6)
 - He knows absolutely everything about me and my ways
 - God's knowledge and understanding is humanly incomprehensible and humbling

- God is all-knowing (139:1-6)
- God is all-present (vv7-12)
 - God is always with me, no matter where I go
 - God's hand is always leading me
 - God sees everything all the time, even when I can't

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- God is all-present (vv7-12)
- God is all-powerful (vv13-18)
 - God is an amazing and powerful Creator who knows me intimately
 - God sovereignly ordained all my days before I was born
 - God's thoughts are precious and vast to me

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- God is all-present (vv7-12)
- God is all-powerful (vv13-18)
- God is all-holy (vv19-24)
 - I hate all that opposes God and long for divine justice
 - I long for divine examination of my own heart
 - I wish to be corrected of any offensive pattern of behavior
 - I desire God to fully lead me in His perfect and holy way

Psalm 139 Reflections

- Characteristics of being a man/woman after God's own heart
 - Seeks to know, and reflect upon, the infinite and intimate greatness of God
 - Knows the God sees every detail of life
 - Trusts that God is always leading, even in dark times
 - Rests knowing that God sovereignly ordains all of our days
 - Considers the mind and heart of God to be precious
 - Invites divine examination and correction of the heart and behavior
 - Possesses a passion for the honor and glory of God