

Psalms 26

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I Have Walked in Integrity

- ¹ Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.
- ² Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.
- ³ For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.
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- ⁴ I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.
- ⁵ I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.
- ⁶ I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:
- ⁷ That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.
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- ⁸ LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
- ⁹ Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:
- ¹⁰ In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.
- ¹¹ But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
- ¹² My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

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Altar — מִזְבֵּחַ (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Redeem — גָּאַל (Gaal)

To redeem, act as kinsman-redeemer

The Hebrew **gaal** (גָּאַל) means to redeem or act as kinsman-redeemer (go'el)—buying back family property or relatives. It foreshadows Christ redeeming His people through His blood.

Truth — אֱמֶת (Emet)

Truth, faithfulness

The Hebrew **emet** (אֱמֶת) means truth or faithfulness—reliability and conformity to reality. God is true (emet), utterly faithful to His word and character.

CROSS REFERENCES

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Psalms 26:2

Parallel theme: Psalms 7:9; 17:3; 66:10; Job 13:23. **References Lord:** Zechariah 13:9

Psalms 26:3 Parallel theme: 1 John 1:7. **Truth:** 2 Kings 20:3; 2 John 1:4

Psalms 26:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 1:1; 119:63; 119:115; Proverbs 9:6; 12:11; 13:20; Jeremiah 15:17; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Corinthians 6:17

Psalms 26:5 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 1:1; 31:6

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Parallel theme: Psalms 24:4; 73:13; 1 Timothy 2:8; Titus 3:5. **Sacrifice:** Psalms 43:4

Psalms 26:7 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 9:1; 9:14; 72:18; 95:2; 105:2; 118:19; 118:27; 119:27; 134:2; 145:5

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Psalms 26:9 **Blood:** Psalms 139:19

Psalms 26:10 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 52:2; Exodus 23:8; Deuteronomy 16:19; 1 Samuel 8:3

Psalms 26:11

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