

Psalm 26:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

Analysis

The resolution 'But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me' combines personal commitment with humble petition. 'I will walk in integrity' expresses determination for holy living. Yet immediately the psalmist prays 'redeem me, and be merciful'—acknowledging that even covenant faithfulness depends on grace. Reformed theology emphasizes that perseverance is both human responsibility and divine gift. We walk in integrity because God redeems us and shows mercy, not to earn redemption.

Historical Context

Throughout Scripture, divine imperatives ('walk in integrity') combine with divine promises ('I will redeem'). God commands what He enables, and sanctification proceeds through both human effort and divine empowerment (Phil. 2:12-13).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does 'walking in integrity' depend on God's redeeming mercy?
2. What does it mean to pursue holiness while simultaneously crying for mercy?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 26:1 (Parallel theme): Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.

Psalms 69:18 (Redemption): Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

1 Thessalonians 2:10 (Parallel theme): Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

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