

# Psalms 40:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

## Analysis

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The parallelism intensifies the public nature of David's witness: he has not hidden God's righteousness 'within his heart' but declared faithfulness and salvation. The phrase 'thy lovingkindness' (chesed) and 'thy truth' (emet) form a hendiadys describing God's covenant character--faithful love that is utterly reliable.

## Historical Context

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The terms chesed and emet frequently appear together as essential attributes of Yahweh, distinguishing Him from capricious pagan deities. This pairing appears in God's self-revelation to Moses (Exodus 34:6).

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. Why might we be tempted to 'hide' God's righteousness within our hearts rather than declaring it?
2. How do lovingkindness and truth together describe God's character?

## Interlinear Text

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צִדְקָתְךָ thy righteousness H6666	לֹא H3808	כִּסֵּי יִתִּין I have not hid H3680	בֵּית וָךְ within H8432	לִבִּי my heart H3820	אֱמוּנָתְךָ thy faithfulness H530
וַתְּשׁוּעָתְךָ and thy salvation H8668	אֶמְרֵי I have declared H559	לֹא H3808	כִּחַ דִּתִּי I have not concealed H3582	חֲסֵדְךָ thy lovingkindness H2617	
וְאֱמֶתְךָ and thy truth H571	לְקַהֵּל congregation H6951	רַב: from the great H7227			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 34:6** (Salvation): This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.