

## Psalm 26

# "David's Plea for Vindication and Mercy Based on His Integrity"

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*A Psalm of David.*

**A1 DAVID'S PLEA FOR VINDICATION:** David asks for examination leading to vindication, for he believes he is walking faithfully with God **26:1-3**

**B1 Request for Vindication:** {1} Vindicate me, O LORD, **26:1a**

**B2 Reasons for Vindication 26:1b**

C1 for I have walked in my integrity,

C2 And I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

**B3 Request for Examination 26:2**

C1 {2} Examine me, O LORD, and try me;

C2 Test my mind and my heart.

**B4 Reasons for Examination 26:3**

C1 {3} For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes,

C2 And I have walked in Your truth.

**A2 DAVID'S DEFENSE OF HIS INTEGRITY 26:4-8**

**B1 His Separation from Deceitful Evildoers 26:4-5**

C1 {4} I do not sit with deceitful men, Nor will I go with pretenders.

C2 {5} I hate the assembly of evildoers, And I will not sit with the wicked.

**B2 His Genuine Participation in Worship 26:6-8**

C1 His Integrity in Worship <sup>1</sup> 26:6

D1 {6} I shall wash my hands in innocence,

D2 And I will go about Your altar, O LORD,

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<sup>1</sup> 26:6 - Integrity: See Allen P. Ross, "Psalms," *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*.

C2 His Proclamation of Praise 26:7

D1 {7} That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving

D2 And declare all Your wonders.

C3 His Love for Yahweh's Dwelling 26:8

D1 {8} O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house

D2 And the place where Your glory dwells.

**A3 DAVID'S PRAYER FOR MERCY BASED ON HIS INTEGRITY 26:9-12**

**B1 His Plea to be Spared from the Judgment to Befall Sinners 26:9-10**

C1 His Request Not to be Classified with Sinners 26:9a

D1 {9} Do not take my soul away *along* with sinners,

D2 Nor my life with

C2 His Characterization of Sinners 26:9b-10

D1 Murderous: men of bloodshed,

D2 Wickedness: {10} In whose hands is a wicked scheme,

D3 Unscrupulous: And whose right hand is full of bribes.

**B2 His Request for Gracious Redemption in View of His Promised Walk of Integrity 26:11**

C1 His Promised Walk: {11} But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;

C2 His Request for Gracious Redemption: Redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**B3 His Confidence in Yahweh's Acceptance 26:12**

C1 His Restatement of His Own Integrity: {12} My foot stands on a level place;

C2 His Intention to Worship Yahweh in the Sanctuary: In the congregations I shall bless the LORD.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 26

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