



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

FAIR OR PHARISAICAL?

PSALM 26

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - July 9 & 10, 2022

1. Make _____
(vv. 4-5, 8-10)

Psalm 26 (ESV)

1 Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without
wavering.

2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.

3 For your steadfast love is before my
eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

4 I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.

5 I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.

6 I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,

7 proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

8 O LORD, I love the habitation of
your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

9 Do not sweep my soul away with
sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

10 in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I shall walk in my
integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

12 My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the
LORD.

2. See _____
(vv. 6-7, 11-12)

3. Invite _ _____
(vv. 1-3, 11b)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Psalm 27:4, 8.** What is the difference between merely going through the motions of things like personal devotions or corporate worship and doing those same things with the heart expressed in these verses?
- 2. Consider Psalm 27:4 again.** What other things in your life might compete with the “one thing” or ultimate priority that is expressed in this passage? Why are those things not as worthy of your attention and affections as true worship of God?
- 3. Read James 4:6-10.** How have you seen a lack of integrity negatively affect your intimacy with God? On the other hand, how have you seen God be gracious and draw near to you as you draw near to him? How can that rightly be a motive for integrity in your life?
- 4. Read Psalm 26:11-12.** What are some of the ways whole-hearted devotion to God brings security and “level ground” in this life? What are some of the troubles this way of living can protect you from?
- 5. Read Psalm 26:1-3.** As you think about your own accountability to God, in what ways does that encourage you? In what ways are you challenged?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *The Pursuit of Holiness*. Navpress, 2016.

Kauflin, Bob. *True Worshipers*. Crossway, 2015.

MacArthur, John. *Worship: The Ultimate Priority*. Moody Publishers, 2012.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church would be filled with hearts truly set on worship.

Pray that we would enjoy the benefits that come from integrity.

Pray that we would live in light of our accountability to God.

Pray for God to continue to provide ministry space in the meantime as our church continues to grow.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
7/11	1 Chronicles 28-29, Psalm 127	1 Thessalonians 5
7/12	Psalm 119:1-88	2 Thessalonians 1
7/13	Psalm 119:89-176	2 Thessalonians 2
7/14	1 Kings 1, Psalm 37	2 Thessalonians 3
7/15	1 Kings 2, Psalm 71, 94	Acts 18:19-28
7/16	1 Kings 3, 2 Chronicles 1	Acts 19