

Psalm 26:1-12 **Examine Me O Yahweh**

A Prayer for Divine Scrutiny and Redemption
A Psalm of David.

1 Vindicate me, O Yahweh (Lord), For I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the Lord; I shall not slip.

2 Examine me, O Yahweh (Lord), and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

3 For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

4 I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites.

5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence; So I will go about Your altar, O Yahweh (Lord),

7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works.

8 Yahweh (Lord), I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.

9 Do not gather my soul with sinners, Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

10 In whose hands is a sinister scheme, And whose right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to me.

12 My foot stands in an even place; In the congregations I will bless Yahweh (the Lord).

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Vindicate me, O Yahweh (Lord), For I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in Yahweh (the Lord); I shall not slip. [\[Psalm 26:1\]](#)
 - ◇ David has done his best to live properly before Yahweh by faith and asked to be justified knowing that only Yahweh can justify a human who is a sinner by nature.
 - ◇ Trusting in Yahweh is the only way to avoid going wrong.
- ✧ Examine me, O Yahweh (Lord), and prove me; Try my mind and my heart. For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth. I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites. I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked. [\[Psalm 26:2-5\]](#)
 - ◇ David has kept himself trusting in Yahweh and has avoided the influence of evildoers.
 - ◇ Therefore he feels safe to ask Yahweh to examine his life both mind and heart.
- ✧ I will wash my hands in innocence; So I will go about Your altar, O Yahweh (Lord), That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works. Yahweh (Lord), I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells. [\[Psalm 26:6-8\]](#)
 - ◇ David has declared his intent to keep himself pure before Yahweh to enable him to give a clear testimony of Yahweh.
 - ◇ David expressed his love for being close to the presence of Yahweh.
- ✧ Do not gather my soul with sinners, Nor my life with bloodthirsty men, In whose hands is a sinister scheme, And whose right hand is full of bribes. [\[Psalm 26:9-10\]](#)
 - ◇ David does not want his soul to spend eternity with the wicked.

- ✧ But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to me.
My foot stands in an even place; In the congregations I will bless Yahweh (the Lord). [\[Psalm 26:11-12\]](#)
- ✧ David expressed his intention to maintain his integrity like Job.
- ✧ David is trusting in the mercy of Yahweh and looks to Him for redemption.
- ✧ Confident in his relationship with Yahweh, David promised to publicly bless his God.