Psalms 26 & 27

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INTRODUCTION

- The common theme in both Psalms is this longing to be in the presence of God.
- This idea finds throughout the New Testament that it is God's people where God dwells.
- Not just to come in the physical presence of the tabernacle, but to always be in a dwelling with the Lord.

1 Because He Loves the Lord

Psalm 26:6–8; Psalm 27:4

- He wants to be in God's presence because he loves the Lord.
- I shall wash my hands in innocence, and I will go about your altar, O Lord, that I may proclaim with a voice of thanksgiving and declare all your wonders.
- Not because he'll get in trouble if he doesn't. Not because he read in a book somewhere that this is what God requires.
- One thing I have asked, and that I shall seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
- This is longing. This is my utmost desire. This is the only thing I want in life to be in your presence.

2 In His Presence Is Where I Am Safe

Psalm 27:1–3; Psalm 27:5–6

- The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life, whom shall I dread?
- He recognizes that to be in the presence of the Lord is to be safe.
- In the day of trouble, he will conceal me in his tabernacle. In the secret place of his tent, he will hide me.
- In Him alone are we safe. And David recognizes this.

3 To Exist in Continuing Hope

Psalm 27:7–12; Psalm 27:13–14

- We have a man of great faith, and yet it's a man of great faith who's struggling with fear.
- We know our Lord loves us, and we love him. And yet it does not stop the fears from coming in.
- I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
- There is no response from God in the psalm. God never speaks in this psalm.
- Wait for the Lord. Be strong and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for the Lord.

4 How One Could Dwell in the House of the Lord

Psalm 26:1–5; Psalm 26:9–12; Psalm 51

- For I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. Examine me, O Lord, and try me.
- Do not take from this that David is claiming sinlessness in his life.
- His manner of life, his manner of living is one that was always in sincerity and devotion to God.
- By laying our hearts bare before him, allowing him to examine, test, and try.
- One does not come into the presence of God without giving himself to God first.
- He recognizes that to be in the Lord's house is in fact a gift of God. But he also recognizes that gift requires him to live in such a way so as to receive it.

THE CHALLENGE

Then come to him with an integrity in your heart, trusting in him, committing yourself to repent of your wrongdoing, to follow his truth, and to accept the grace that he has offered in the sacrifice of his son.

MY NOTES