

Psalm 26

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

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

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

**⁴I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

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

**⁶I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O Lord,
⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

**⁸O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.**

**⁹Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
¹⁰those in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

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

**¹²My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.**

For some reason, I have been thinking about attitudes lately. ☐ Let me be clear, I don't think that having a good attitude is the solution to solving all of your problems. If it was, we wouldn't need God's grace. ☐ However, the phrase, "You need an attitude adjustment" learned in my childhood has been forefront in my mind as of late.

It takes something outside of ourselves to change. ☐ For a child, it may be skinning a knee and learning to be more careful on a bike. ☐ For a student, it may be receiving a bad grade on a test where we thought we knew all the answers. ☐ For people in a relationship, the change might come from a misspoken word out of anger brought upon by tension from outside of the relationship. ☐ The question then becomes, on what will you stand?

When we submit to God, we stand upon God's promises. ☐ Fortunately and unfortunately, we submit ourselves for God's judgment. ☐ When we make claims that we have lived righteous lives, we better be ready to back up those claims. ☐ Yet here is the good news. David, who was a low life adulterer was called a man after God's own heart. ☐ Why? ☐ Because he sought forgiveness. ☐ For all of his short-comings, he continually pursued the Lord after he was convicted. ☐

We will stumble. ☐ We will fall. ☐ And we choose to get back up. ☐ When we do, where and upon what will you stand?

Pray Psalm 26.

