

# PSALM 101

*I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music. I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil. Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not endure. I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me. No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes. Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all the evildoers from the city of the Lord (Psalm 101).*

Yahweh meets with us through the Psalms to strengthen our covenant relationship with Him. Psalm 101 will serve as a life creed to help us complete the journey with Him.

With the help of His Spirit in me:

- I will pursue completely Yahweh's way for me, hoping and living for the day He brings His plan to completion.
- I will demand integrity of my heart especially in private.
- I will keep my eyes from worthless things.
- I will continually pry myself from the grip of spiritual mediocrity.
- I will over-rule my heart as it twists the truth to my liking/advantage.
- I will take a stand against malicious conversations.
- I will turn away from the many faces of arrogance.
- I will seek the company and counsel of those faithful to Yahweh.
- I will separate myself from those who utilize deceit for gain.
- I will watch for and undo the injustices of evil people.

1. David said he would ponder the way that is “blameless”. In what ways is it possible to lead a blameless life? What does the word “ponder” say to you? Why do you think “integrity of heart” was important to David “within my house”?
2. What are some of the obviously worthless things men set before their eyes? What are less obvious ones? What are some things you must do if you are to follow through on this commitment?
3. Verses 3-7 speak to the kind of people David would allow to be close to him. He says that the work of those who fall away “will not cling to me.” What are the “works” of such people and what is significant about David’s word choice, “will not cling to me”?
4. How do you keep a healthy distance between yourself and such people as David mentions in these verses without being unloving to them?
5. Many would say that deceit is the easiest of all human weaknesses to fall into. Do you agree? Why or why not? What are some reasons we choose to be deceitful?