

Part 3 – Publishing the Name of the Lord

In part 2 we learned that we must separate ourselves from evil doers if we want to be accepted by God and vindicated (and saved) from our enemies. This means we must get rid of all our sins, *from the inside out*, so we are not tempted to partake in sin with them, in any way shape or form. And we have a *duty* to refrain from partaking with them; that's what following Jesus Christ is all about. We also learned this takes preparation, on our part, by studying God's Word and cleaning the sin out of our own soul (heart and mind), so we're not enticed by anyone to follow in their rebelling against the one and only true God (and His Son, Jesus Christ). We also learned that this is ever more important for us as we draw closer to the time of the 'great tribulation', which will be a much stronger time of deception than has ever been before. And that's because, Satan himself will be cast out of heaven (with his fallen angels), to earth *specifically* to try and deceive all of the world into worshiping him (and his wicked 'beast' governing system) as though he were the 'Savior' of the world. Only when we remain faithful to the true God, and His Son, Jesus Christ, will we be allowed to serve in Jesus Christ's eternal government when He returns. So again, we must prepare for the 'great tribulation' because it's not going to be easy. And we have many examples of how to do this (1 Cor 10:11, Heb 11). David is one such example, but there are many others including Daniel, Shadrack, Meshech and Abed-nego, who taught us how we are not to be rebel rousers but to keep ourselves spiritually clean by *not complying* with the wicked. Not only when they entice us to sin, but also when they make laws that try to cause us to worship anything, or anyone, other than the one true God and His Son, Jesus Christ. So, David has been teaching us the things he did to remain a wholehearted worshiper of the one and only true God (YHWH), and not partaking with the wicked was a pivotal part of it. We'll now move on to see what else David teaches us about being accepting to the Lord (YHWH)...

Psalms 26

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

So, David now explains why he wants to be accepted by the Lord (and vindicated of his enemies). And it's not out of selfishness. He wants to be able to worship the one and only true God (YHWH) *and* to be able proclaim His mighty works. This is something that the wicked people try to make impossible – both in David's day and in our own day. David had many people who tried to shut him up and who viciously slandered him continuously (as Psalms 7 reveals). Yet today there are many people who do the same thing. They are even trying to get the Word of God itself 'outlawed' by claiming it's 'evil' because it teaches 'hate'. The only thing God's Word teaches us to 'hate' is *evil* (Ps 97:10, Prov 8:13) ... so what does that say of them? Perhaps they don't like the Word of God shedding light on their evil works? (John 3:19-21)

This verse also teaches us that an integral part of worshiping the Lord (YHWH) is to '**publish**' His (holy) name and thank Him for all His 'wondrous works'. The word 'publish' here is the prime root *shama* (#8085) that means: **to hear intelligently** (often with implication of *attention, obedience*, etc.; causatively, *to tell*, etc.). So, David wants all people to hear (and understand)

who the one and *only true* God Almighty is (YHVH) and *why He should be worshiped*. The ‘song of Moses’ does this as well...

1 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:
*3 **Because I will publish the name of the LORD:** ascribe ye greatness unto our God.*
*4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: **a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.***
5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.
Deut 32:1-5

So, again, publishing the name of the Lord (YHVH) is about explaining the difference between righteousness (YHVH, His Son Jesus and all who follow Him) and unrighteousness (Satan and all who follow him). And this is something the wicked people absolutely *hate*, as Jesus explained...

*19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, **because their deeds were evil.***
20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.
21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.
John 3:19-21

The wicked people (such as Satan) absolutely *hate* the truth, *because* it exposes their wickedness. They want people to rebel against the Lord (YHVH) because that gives them more power and fuels their pride. And they foolishly think they can govern the world without the Lord doing anything about their grievous sinning (Ezek 9:9, Ps 2, 10:4, 12:4, etc.). But they are very wrong, for the Lord sees all they do, and even what they are thinking and desiring, in their heart and mind (Ps 11). He therefore will recompense them for their evil! So, despite how the wicked wanted to keep David from publishing the name of the Lord (and revealing how He alone is righteous), he still did so and God blessed him for it. And the Lord (YHVH) will also help us to be able to continue to tell of all His wondrous works. That is, after all, the job of the servants of Jesus Christ. Acts 2:12 tells us that when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles on Pentecost Day, they spoke the ‘wonderful works of God’, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But, declaring the ‘wonderful works of God’ also is teaching the history of God’s wonderful works, from the beginning to the end. (See Stephen’s speech in Acts 7 for a great example). This includes how He graciously deferred putting the rebels to death in the first earth age and created a plan of Salvation to save His wayward children, as well as how He brought Israel out of Egyptian bondage and into the Promise Land. It also includes the many mighty works He did for

Israel all throughout their history in the Promise Land, as well as how He has kept His Word to re-gather them after the Messiah, Jesus Christ came to pay for their sins (and the sins of the world). And it also includes the many promises (prophesies) that have yet to be fulfilled. For, just as He has already fulfilled all things concerning Jesus Christ's First Advent, so too will He fulfill all things concerning the Second Advent of Jesus Christ – when He returns (with glory and power) to depose Satan (yet again) and bring in a thousand years of teaching His wayward children, so that they can be taught without *any* Satanic interference. And so, just as there have already been many 'mighty works' of the Lord (YHVH), so too are there many more *yet to come* and 'proclaiming' them *is part of our duty*. For even during the 'great tribulation' when Satan is on earth, we are *still* to be teaching (sharing) the Word of God (including the Gospel of Jesus Christ) to explain to people that Satan is *not* God and they need to repent *before* the *true* Messiah (Jesus Christ) returns. In other words, we should warn them that: **they've already lost the battle and are well on their way to hell if they don't turn to the Lord, willingly accepting His amnesty, repent for worshipping false gods, and join the family household of God through faith in Jesus Christ.** In fact, this is the warning we should be giving out even today, along with declaring the *many other* 'wonderful works' of God...

Psalms 26

8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

David now expresses his love for our Heavenly Father by referring to the physical place of worship (the tabernacle) they were to worship at during his time. As his son Solomon pointed out in his prayer, when he dedicated the Temple he built to God - the Lord (YHVH) dwells in 'thick darkness' (1 Kings 8:12, 2 Chron 6:1, Ex 20:2, Deut 4:11, 4:22). And that is simply because He cannot be contained to dwell in a physical building made by flesh man's hands, for God (YHVH) goes wherever He wants to, whenever He wants to. Instead, He moves around in this dimension (when He wants to be here), through His flying vehicle (which contains His 'mobile throne') which is surrounded by 'thick darkness', which are simply *clouds*. You can learn more about this in the following studies...

You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 1 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/392>

You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 2 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/393>

Flying Upon the Wings of the Wind - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Ezekiel/764

Ezekiel Chapter 1 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Ezekiel/21

However, the Lord allowed (actually told) Israel to make a tabernacle for Him to 'dwell in' when they were in the wilderness - and then again when He commissioned Solomon to build a permanent Temple – and **this was simply so the people would have a place to offer blood sacrifices to Him**. That was the purpose of the tabernacle (Temple), as 2 Chron 2:5-6 declares. And so, this is why David so very much loved the physical 'house' he worshiped God at. It was where they were to worship God *at the time*, as the Laws God gave Moses in the wilderness

explain. But, once the Messiah (Jesus Christ) came and died for our sins, *the way we worship God changed*. As Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well...

19 *The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.*

20 *Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.*

21 *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, **the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.***

22 *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

23 *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

24 ***God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.***

John 4:19-24

So, Jesus clearly explained what true worship really is; and it's **not** going to any physical building [**The Church** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/332>]. **True worship is done inside our soul** when we study His Word and *take it into our mind* (thought process) *and heart* (desires, emotions, feelings, intentions, motivations) *so that it changes who we are inside, for the better*. And this is why the word 'habitation' (here in Ps 26:8) means (in the context of this verse) an **abode, of God** (the Tabernacle or the Temple), which is why it's also been translated as a **dwelling place** (#4583). Paul also did a good job at explaining what true worship really is in many places throughout the New Testament; but consider the following...

1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who **walk** not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit.***

2 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

3 *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

4 ***That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.***

5 *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*

6 *For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

7 *Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

8 *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

9 ***But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

10 *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**

14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:1-18

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26 Likewise **the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities**: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Rom 8:24-28

Here in Romans 8, Paul explains that, *only* when we put off our carnal mind (the heart – the part of us that wants to ‘act like an animal’ and sin) then we can truly worship the Lord (YHVH). So, the way we *truly* worship the Lord (YHVH) is in our heart and mind - and that’s done by putting off our ‘old man’ *which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts* (Eph 2:22), and not serve sin any longer (Rom 6:6). We do this by *renewing in the spirit of your mind* (Eph 4:23) through studying God’s Word (Col 3:10) so we can put on the ‘new man’, which *is created in righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24). As Paul also states (in 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19, 2 Cor 6:16), **we are the temple of the Lord** and that’s because, when we believe in Jesus Christ, repent for our sins and work to put off the old man and put on the new man, ***we are then given the Holy Spirit to help us make the changes in our ‘inward parts’ that are necessary to truly worship God, which is also what gives us eternal life.*** So, once we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and King, our *duty* is to study His Word (Mth 11:29, 2 Tim 2:15) so the Holy Spirit can help us put off the ‘old man’ (our carnal mind, which again, is the part of us that wants to sin) and put on the ‘new man’ which is in the image of God’s righteousness and holiness (Eph 4:24). And so, *though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day* (2 Cor 4:16) by knowledge of Jesus Christ (Col 3:10).

Paul further explains what truly worshiping God is in Gal 5:16-26. There, He calls worshiping God ‘walking in the Spirit’, which means we are to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in our studies, and in our daily life, *so we can learn to do what’s right, sincerely, from the heart*. Paul even explains what the ‘works’ that the carnal mind produces are (our old man) verse what the ‘fruit’ we will produce when we’re truly worshiping God are (i.e. righteousness). This helps us to discern, in our own soul, if we’re truly worshiping the Lord - but it also helps us to discern if others are true worshipers of the Lord (i.e. are part of the Body of Christ). For, many people claim to be Christian but really are not (Mth 7:21-23). And Jesus taught this too (Mth 7:16-20). As He said in Mth 7:20, *by their fruits ye shall know them*. People (including ourselves) who produce the ‘works of the flesh’ (as outlined in Gal 5, and elsewhere in God’s Word) *have not put off the carnal mind*, so we know (discern spiritually) that, despite their claiming to be a Christian, they are not true worshipers of the Lord (YHVH). And again, this is also what helps us to examine ourself to see if *we* are *truly* worshiping the Lord or not. To reiterate, truly worshiping God is not done in a building. It does not matter where we are, we can (and should) worship God ‘in the spirit’ by keeping the truth (God’s Word and Holy Spirit) inside our soul, so that we can obey Him, sincerely, and produce ‘good fruit’ such as righteousness, love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, humility and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). Jesus explained this as well, in John 15 [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/236] when He used the analogy of a vine to explain how we must spiritually ‘root into’ to the Lord (YHVH) (connect with Him in our heart and mind), if we want to truly worship Him *and* be a part of His eternal government (the Body of Christ). Learn more about this also in the following studies:

The Vine – Part 1 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/992>
The Vine – Part 2 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/993>
The True Vine and Pruning - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1271>
Abiding in the Vine - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1273>
Church is Not Christianity - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>
True Worshipers - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/201>
The Holy Spirit and You - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/378>
Hearing God - <https://t.me/BibleStudyAudios/39>

Psalms 26

9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

David now asks the Lord not to ‘gather’ his soul with sinners or ‘bloody men’, which are those who murder people (physically or spiritually with lies). The word ‘**gather**’ here is important to understand for it can mean to **to gather for any purpose** but it can also mean *to receive, take away, i.e. remove (destroy, leave behind, put up, restore, etc.)* (‘acaph #622). So, just as David asked the Lord (YHVH) to vindicate (judge) him in the beginning of this chapter, he’s now also asking the Lord not to destroy his soul (as in eternal death) like He will do to those who are incorrigibly rebellious sinners. As the books of Exodus, Numbers and the Judges tell us, the Lord chastised the rebellious Israelites through various ways in the course of their history. Sometimes

He brought fire upon them (Num 3:4, 11:13, 16:35), caused serpents to bit them (Num 21:6) and many times cleaned out the rebels with plagues (Ex 32:35; Num 11:33, 14:37, 16:4, 25:3-9; 2 Sam 24; 2 Chron 21:14, etc.). And once they were in the Promise Land, He would also allow their enemies to invade and subdue them, making them pay tribute (high taxes) and often having their crops and even children stolen away as slaves. David was well aware of this and did not want the punishments that come from rebelling against the Lord. But what he was even more fearful of was his soul; because David well knew that, just as the Lord is able to kill our flesh body for rebelling against Him, so too is He able to do to our soul (Mth 10:28). And He *will* put to death all incorrigibly rebellious souls, *permanently*, at the end of the Millennium when He blots *out of existence* (the second death) all those who refuse to repent for their sins and worship Him only (Rev 20). So, if we don't want to be 'gathered' with the sinners - for punishment and/or total destruction – be it when Jesus Christ returns (Isa 24:17-23, Matt 13:47-50, Matt 24:29-31, Mark 13:24-27, Matt 13:40-42, Rev 20:1-5) or at the end of the Millennium (Rev 20) – then we need to learn to worship the Lord like David did!

Psalms 26

10 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

David continues to speak of the kind of people who the Lord (YHVH) will 'gather' (when Jesus Christ returns) and ultimately destroy if they don't change their ways before the end of the Millennium. And David's point in this Psalm is that he is trying very hard not to be one of them, for he knows what their end shall be (Ps 37:20). The word '**mischief**' is *zimmah* (#2154) and means a **plan**, especially **a bad one**. And the word '**bribes**' here is *shachad* (#7810) and it means **a donation**. It's also referred to as a '**gift**' in the Law (Ex 23:6-8, Deut 16:19). And when David says that mischief is in their hands and their 'right hand' is full of bribes, he's explaining that **bribes are how they cause their mischievous (evil) plans to come to pass**. And this is not hard to understand, for even in our day and age it's easily visible. Through unsound money (fiat money) the modern day 'moneychangers' *use money to corrupt the world*. They use it to control politics (quite obviously) but also the entire banking, and economic system (like the stock market), as well as corporations, education, healthcare and (sadly) even religion and more. Learn more in the following studies...

Builders of Cities and a Good Repentance - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/304>
Evil Devices - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/68>

So, bribes (gifts) pervert righteousness and judgment from being implemented in all aspects of society. Corporations are bribed into adding poisonous additives to our food supply, as are farmers bribed into using harmful chemicals and GMO seeds, as are doctors bribed into giving legal drugs that do not cure, but only mask symptoms and cause more problems. Through 'money' schools are told what they must teach, which is not truth and even Churches are control and manipulated through hidden money laundering methods. For good reason there is a saying that all you have to do to find out what a person (or company) is really all about (what they really

support) is to ‘follow the money’. Christ Himself told us a similar thing in Rev 13:18 when He said: ***Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.*** The word ‘count’ here means *to use pebbles in enumeration*, i.e. (generally) ***to compute*** (#5585).

As Psalms 2 explained, the rulers of the world (from David’s time onward to now) conspire together against the Lord (YHVH) and His anointed King (Jesus Christ), as well as against all those who follow Him. They simply do not want to submit to being governed by their Creator, nor His Son, Jesus Christ, let alone faithful followers of Jesus Christ. And while they have freedom to choose to sin if they want *now*, there will come a time that God won’t tolerate it anymore. He is only putting up with their ‘mischief’, murder and bribes (and more) because He is allowing His plan of Salvation to come to pass, by sending all of His children to this earth, in a flesh body, so they can choose which path (Satan or Jesus Christ) they want to follow (2 Pt 3:9). But, once that has been fulfilled, He will send His Son, Jesus Christ, back to earth *in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ* (2 Thess 1:8) and *to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him* (Jude 16). David was wise enough that he knew he did not want to be gathered into the group that gets the wrath of God poured out upon him, and that’s what he’s praying for here. And it’s a good thing for us to pray for too. Jesus even told us to *watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak* (Matt 26:41). And He further warned...

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Mark 13:33-37

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 21:34-36

So, ‘taking heed’ to ourselves, ‘watching’ and ‘praying’ are also part of worshiping the Lord. And we should *not only* watch current events to see how close we are to the antichrist’s arrival (when Satan and his fallen angels are cast out of heaven to earth, Rev 12), as Jesus told us to do in the

Parable of the Fig Tree [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/950>], but we should also *prepare* for that time by watching (guarding closely) what goes on in our heart and mind so that, as Jesus warned in Lk 21:34 above, our hearts (carnal mind) are not ‘overcharged’ (#925 weighed down) with sin. *Because that’s what will cause people to worship Satan instead of the true Jesus Christ* (2 Thess 2). So, it’s wise for us to learn from how David prayed, for he truly knew how to worship the Lord ‘in spirit and in truth’ (John 4:23-24).

Psalms 26

11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

So, throughout this Psalm, David has been going back and forth between, explaining what he has been doing verses what wicked people do – and this is to show the Lord that he is sincerely worshiping Him and *not* rebelling by worshiping other gods or idols (apostatizing). This is why he now, yet again, points out that he is walking in integrity, which, again, means *completeness* or *moral innocence* (#8537). David has been striving hard to be morally innocent by ‘completing’ his soul through putting truth (God’s Word) in it and cleaning out the sin that he finds when searching his soul. And, because he has thoroughly and wholeheartedly repented for all the sins he could see, he again asks God to help him. The word ‘**redeem**’ here means to **ransom**, **release** or even to **preserve** (#6299). The *Companion Bible* notes this implies David is requesting to be delivered from the wicked by God’s mighty power. Indeed, it was by the power of God that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, which made Him able to pay for our sins when He shed His own blood at Calvary. And it was by the power of God that Jesus Christ literally rose from the dead. And it is by the power of God, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit in us, that we are able to put off the ‘old man’ (that wants to sin) and put on the new man (who does not want to sin) so we can learn to do what’s right (as David), and follow the ‘good’ Shepherd to eternal life (Ps 23). As Ps 37:31 says, when the law of God is in our heart (Jer 33:31, Heb 8:10, 10:16) then our ‘steps’ (walk in life) will not slide (we spiritually won’t waiver or fall). And this is because we’ve got our heart and *steadfastly* ‘standing’ (through trust) on the ‘Rock’ Jesus Christ (1 Cor 10:4) – who is the Word of God (John 1:1,14). So, it truly is by God’s mercy (not giving us the punishments we deserve) that He redeems us, through the blood of Jesus Christ, which gives us forgiveness of our sins and gives us the Holy Spirit to help us change our heart and mind into a ‘new man’ patterned after God’s righteousness. And ‘redemption’ doesn’t only apply to redeeming us from our sins, but also from the power of Satan (Acts 26:18) as well as *all* evil people who are trying to cause our soul to go astray from the one and only true God Almighty (YHVH) and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Psalms 26

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

The phrase ‘my foot standeth in an even place’ is a figure of speech that means our soul (heart and mind) trusts in God. That’s why David said, back in verse 1, that, because he trusted in the Lord (YHVH) he would not slide, which means to waiver *spiritually* (#4571). While David did

sin throughout his life, he never apostatized – meaning he *never* worshiped false gods or idols. Which cannot be said of his son, nor most of his descendants who reigned after him. This is why David was the ‘model’ king to which all future kings of Judah were compared to (ex: 1 Kings 3:14, 2 Chron 17:3). Further, the word ‘congregations’ means *an assembly* (#4721) and comes from a prim root (#6950) that means: *to convoke*, or to call together to a meeting. And, it’s interesting that this word is used in the plural form. Back in verse 9, David asked the Lord (YHVH) not to gather him with the sinners who are bloody men, full of mischief and bribes; so he is now asking the Lord to gather him with *those are found to be faithful* and (through Jesus Christ’s blood shed) accounted faultless before His eyes. We must never forget that David truly believed in Jesus Christ. He understood God’s promise to send the Messiah that would pay for our sins. That’s why David was faithful to offer the blood sacrifices of animals that were required *before* the Messiah came. He was showing his faith that Jesus Christ *would* come, just as we now take Communion to show to the Lord that we believe the Messiah, Jesus Christ, *has* come (for we are not to offer blood sacrifices now that Jesus has paid for our sins, once and for all – Heb 10:10). The Psalms that David wrote prove he well understood God’s plan of salvation through Jesus Christ and how we must truly worship Him ‘in spirit and in truth’ (John 4:23-24). So, in this last verse of the Psalm 26, David is essentially looking forward in time and asking that, when the Messiah came (at His Second Advent) to gather all people to Him for judgment, he was praying that he would be counted as one of those who would be allowed to be in the ‘congregation’ of the Lord (Mth 24:31). Meaning, David wanted to be an ‘overcomer’ and allowed to reign with Jesus Christ during the Millennium. And this entire Psalm has been David laying out his ‘case’ for why he thinks he should be accepted by the Messiah (Jesus Christ) at that time (as well as being found acceptable to God before then too). For, to ‘bless’ the Lord is a figure of speech meaning you worship Him and speak of His righteousness to others. In Psalms 145, a song of praise that David wrote, he expressed beautifully how he would ‘bless’ the Lord...

1 David's Psalm of praise.

I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

*3 **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable...***

...10 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

Ps 145:1-3, 10-13

Indeed, throughout his flesh life, David did speak of the glory of God’s kingdom (even His eternal kingdom that will come at Jesus’ Second Advent) and of His power so all people can know and understand His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom. Essentially, David did a great job at magnifying God’s Holiness, the righteousness of His Laws and the glory

of His kingdom. And *this is our job as well*, **if** we faithfully follow (and worship) the one and only true God, YHVH – and His Son, Jesus Christ – who is King of kings and Lord of lords forever. As it is written...

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

*3 And **they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb**, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

*4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? **for thou only art holy**: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*

Rev 15:2-4

When Jesus Christ returns to earth to take control over all that's in heaven and on earth, everyone will be forced to bow a knee to Him and confess that He alone is King of the earth and there is no other (especially not Satan). But those who have remained faithful, will willingly do so and in an 'honored' position (beside Jesus Christ). As the Lord said in Isa 45:23: *I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear*. Paul quotes this in Rom 11:4 and 14:11 as well as...

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Phil 2:9-11

And the purpose of this is clearly stated in Isa 42:8 when God says: *I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images*. So, while the Lord is longsuffering to allow the 'mystery of iniquity' (2 Thess 2:7) to work right now (He allows Satan and his followers to rule the earth), there will come a time when He will allow this no more because His plan of Salvation via *the flesh earth age* is complete and the time for His Son to rule in the Millennium has come (Rev 10:7). And that's the time when David was ultimately looking forward to (like we do today), wherein he could be in the 'congregations' that would bless the Lord and stand in an 'even' (level) place wherein no 'crookedness' (corruption) can be found (i.e. worshiping and serving the Lord in His holy Temple).

So, throughout this Psalm David has given us a beautiful example of what those who are truly righteous will pray, as well as how they will act. And separating ourselves from evil, cleaning our heart and mind and declaring the 'wonderful works of God' are an integral part of it. After

all, don't we who love, serve and worship the Lord Jesus Christ not work for, and hope for, the day when we can hear Him say: *Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord?* (Matt 25:23). Yes indeed, that's what we live and strive for...

*25 But that which ye have already **hold fast till I come.***

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

*29 **He that hath an ear, let him hear** what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

Rev 2:25-29

AMEN.