



A RESOLUTION TO LIVE UPRIGHT
Psalm 101

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Good morning Church! Psalms 101 focuses on the king, one who has been anointed with royalty and authority. King David devotes himself to live a life of obedience in pursuing holiness in his own life and seeking to root out evil from his kingdom. As much as this Psalm is written by David, it is not fulfilled by him. David, even as king, could not live up to his own ideals. He failed many times, though he lived a life of repentance. King Jesus alone could offer perfect obedience in the flesh and fulfill these holy resolutions.

Psalm 101. A Psalm of David

*"I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music. **2** 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; **3** 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. **4** A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil. **5** Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not endure. **6** 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. **7** No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes. **8** Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all the evildoers from the city of the Lord."*

I will ...

1. SING and PRAISE (v 1)

*"We ought as much to bless the Lord for the judgment with which He chastens our sin as for the mercy with which He forgives it." **Charles Spurgeon***

2. Be CAREFUL to Live BLAMELESS and Lead a Life of INTEGRITY (v 2)

*"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" **Micah 6:8***

3. REFUSE Anything Vile or VULGAR (v 3)

4. **REJECT Perverse Ideas and EVIL (v 4)**

"The heart is the foundation of a person's being and character." R.C. Sproul

5. Not **TOLERATE Slanderers (v 5)**

6. Seek **FAITHFUL Friends (v 6)**

- The king DESIRES to be around those who seek RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7. Not be around **DECEIVERS and LIARS (v 7)**

8. Not **ENGAGE in Wickedness (v 8)**

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth." Deuteronomy 7:6

Jesus is the model of living an Upright life. We aspire to be like Him in everything we do. As David was a man after God's own heart, may we too strive & devote ourselves to God alone.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*