

PSALM 101

In gratitude for Yahweh's mercy shown to him and judgment upon his enemies, King David declares his resolution to set an example of true wisdom and unshaken integrity before the court and people. He earnestly desires the assistance of Divine grace to do so. We may divide the psalm into three parts: (1) verse 1, kindness and justice are the objectives of a good ruler; (2) verses 2-4, this must be in evidence in his own personal behavior; (3) verses 5-8, it must be true in what he requires of those about him.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will sing of lovingkindness and justice, to You, O YAHWEH, I will sing praises.
- 2 I will give heed to the blameless way. When will You come to me?
I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.
- 3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away;
it shall not fasten its grip on me.
- 4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will know no evil.
- 5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy;
no one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.
- 6 My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me;
he who walks in a blameless way is the one who will minister to me.
- 7 He who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house;
he who speaks falsehood shall not maintain his position before me.
- 8 Every morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land,
so as to cut off from the city of YAHWEH all those who do iniquity.

PRAYER

O Lord God, you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. Enlighten our minds that we may know the paths of godliness and walk in them. Enable us to mortify all corrupt and peevish dispositions. Let us love the society of the upright and hate and shun the fellowship of the wicked. Grant that we may keep watch on the door of our lips that we sin not against you by slandering our neighbor. Give us a sacred regard for your truth, and with the aid of your Holy Spirit we shall walk in this present life in such a manner that we shall not fail to be partakers of the life to come, a life purchased for us through the blood of your only Son, Jesus our Messiah. Amen.