

Psalm 101 (David's dedication to the Lord)

¹ Dear Lord Jesus¹,

I will sing praises to Your wonderful name, and those songs will be about the immensity of Your tender love and kindness. I will also sing about how well You judge every man, woman, and child, decide what blessings or punishment each deserves, and then administer those blessings or punishment in response. ² With these things in mind, I will continue to strive to live such a good life that no one can rightfully accuse me of wrongdoing. Since I have lived a good life and have avoided sinful practices, when will You come to my aid again like You have in the past? To show You how serious I am about asking for help, I will do only those things that are right instead of what is pleasurable or convenient at the moment even when no one is watching. ³ I will not look with desire at anything that is immoral or unprofitable. Even if I were to happen upon something like that I would turn away so that I do not dwell upon it. Some people have already turned away from and have rebelled against You and the Bible. Therefore, I purpose in my heart that I will not allow rebellion or any other kind of sin to get its grip on me. ⁴ I will not let someone with perverted morals remain in my presence, and I will not purposely choose to practice or experience their evil pleasures myself. ⁵ I will confront the man who secretly slanders his neighbor, and when I do, I will see that he is severely punished. I will not tolerate someone who is arrogant or is filled with pride.

⁶ On the other hand, I am delighted with those who are faithful to the LORD and His Word. They are the ones I want as my closest friends, and I want the one who ministers to me to be someone whose life and reputation are so good that no one can rightfully accuse him of wrongdoing. ⁷ I will not allow someone to live in my house who says something to his own benefit intending to be a detriment to another, and if I discover a liar in my government I will immediately strip him of his position of authority. ⁸ Every morning I will command my law enforcement personnel to find, prosecute, and punish all of those in my kingdom who cause trouble, sorrow, or pain for others.

¹ For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" the name "Lord Jesus" has been used.