

## Psalm 26 A Psalm of David

<sup>1-2</sup> Dear LORD Jesus<sup>1</sup>,

Please judge my actions and motives, and verify my innocence. I ask this because I have trusted in You without wavering, and You can see my integrity by the way I have done what is good and right even when no one is there to see me. Because of my integrity, I am on stable footing. Thoroughly examine my mind and my heart to see that I am totally devoted to You. <sup>3</sup> When You do, You will see that You are constantly my focus throughout the day and night, and I have lived in a manner that shows I believe in and follow the truth You have taught me in Your Word.

<sup>4</sup> I do not make those who say one thing and do another my closest companions. I also will not be an accomplice with those who claim to be godly but engage in sinful practices. <sup>5</sup> I hate all of those who do evil things, and I will not take my stand with wicked men or women. <sup>6</sup> I will confess or abandon every sinful practice, and I will spend a lot of time in Your house <sup>7</sup> where I can thank and praise You for all of the wonderful things You have done over the course of time. <sup>8</sup> LORD, I dearly love to be in Your house and feel Your presence. I feel closer to You there than anywhere else.

<sup>9-10</sup> Bloodthirsty murderers and wicked men plan to use physical force or bribery to take what they want from innocent people. I don't want anything to do with them, so please don't sweep me away along with them.

<sup>11</sup> As for me, I will do what is right regardless of the cost or consequences. Please be merciful to me, and redeem me through the blood of Jesus Christ<sup>1</sup>. <sup>12</sup> Because I have trusted in You, my feet are now on solid ground where I will not slip or slide, and I will be pleased to praise and thank you in front of Your children in Your house.

<sup>1</sup> In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "LORD Jesus" or "Jesus Christ" has been used.