

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 26: 4; 12

New International Version

Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth. I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites...

The Message

*I don't hang out with tricksters, I don't pal around with thugs...
You know I've been aboveboard with you; now be aboveboard with me.
I'm on the level with you, God; I bless you every chance I get.*

The Psalmist is inviting the Lord to search his heart and his mind, for the love of God has enabled him to "walk continually in" the truth; and the truth is knowing that God is indeed God, the Lord of our salvation. Recall, that blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked...but his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law, the man meditates both day and night. He walks, sits, and meditates on the truth.

Perhaps a central question of mankind, "what is the truth?" is asked or considered in our lifetime, From the casual to the business and political, the question of truth is more than an occurrence, but determines how we treat the relationship(s) with others from individuals to society. If the truth be known, the truth is an ever-fleeting pursuit of mankind; while wanting to know or find the truth, man is unable to attain truth because "the heart of man is deceitful in many ways"

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth and the life..."; and also said: "I am my father and he is in me, and the father is in me." While God is the creator of truth, Jesus was the bearer of truth; yet man rejected the truth - that Jesus was the messiah, the way of salvation. How can it be that man would reject Jesus, the bearer of truth? Again, to reject the truth is man's inclination, his natural way.

But in God, the supernatural ability to seek and accept the truth overcomes the natural inclination; thus, the truth can be found and understood for the purpose of living the truth in our daily lives - impossible left to ourselves but possible in Jesus. **Find the truth in God, the giver of truth.**

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