

STANDING ON LEVEL GROUND
Psalm 26:1-12 // April 6, 2025 AM

I. Live in the *course* of God's *precepts* (vv. 1-3, 11-12).

II. Live in the *company* of God's *people* (vv. 4-5, 9-10).

III. Live in the *comfort* of God's *premises* (vv. 6-8).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. According to Jonathan Edwards, what is the most common sin people commit against each other? Do you agree? How does that relate to Psalm 26, and what David was facing?
2. What is chiasm? Can you explain the chiastic structure of this psalm? How does it help us read it properly?
3. V. 1 literally says, "Judge me, O LORD." Why would David want God to judge him?
4. Is David self-righteous? What are signs in the psalm that he is not, even as he upholds his integrity?
5. What company does David stay away from, and what company does he keep? In what sense should we be friends with unbelievers, and in what sense should we not?
6. Why does David love the tabernacle, and what does he do there? Why would this be a source of great comfort to him in his affliction?
7. How does each part of this psalm point to Christ and to the church in Christ?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I ever been seriously misunderstood or misrepresented? How did I respond?
2. Is my life marked by gospel integrity (unwavering faith leading to uncompromising faithfulness)? Why does such integrity embolden the soul being slandered?
3. Do I love the place where God's glory dwells? Does the public assembly bring stability in my unstable circumstances?