

# The Will of a King

## A Psalm of Conviction, Confidence, and Commitment

Psalm 101

### Introduction

Daniel 9:13-15

2 Samuel 6:5-15

### ***steadfast love and justice***

It is critically important to hold these two divine virtues in equal tension and without separation.

“He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.” Psalm 33:5

**Our God defines *love* because that is who He is. And He establishes *justice* because He alone is righteous.**

Two modes of conduct that mutually temper each other, and which should govern the life of every man:

*Love God and others and do what is right.*

Micah 6:8

Matthew 23:23

### **The *Steadfast Love* of God**

**God is not just the source of love, He is love itself. Therefore, God defines love.**

1 John 4:7-8

To receive and express the love of God is to acknowledge your *death of self*.

It is a whole-life surrendering to God and a rising desire to help meet the needs of others.

John 18:36

**God’s love is a *holy* love.**

God’s love has a specific agenda to it – your *holiness*.

Likewise, but in a contrary way, Satan’s hatred of you has a very definite agenda too – your *corruption*.

### **The *Justice* of God**

**God is perfectly righteous and just. He is the Standard for righteousness.**

There is no standard for right and wrong, good and bad, outside of God.

Deuteronomy 32:4

Abraham negotiating with the angels sent to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah: Genesis 18:25

“I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right.” Isaiah 45:19

**Justice is the foundation of all civilized society. Without it, the greatest nation will crumble into history.**

Without justice, mankind would quickly unravel into a murderous angry mob engaged in self-annihilation.

“I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.” Thomas Jefferson

Leviticus 19:15

Exodus 23:2

Deuteronomy 1:17

Deuteronomy 27:19

King Jehoshaphat to judges he appointed: 2 Chronicles 19:6-7

“He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the Lord.” Proverbs 17:15

“It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the righteous of justice.” Proverbs 18:5

Proverbs 24:23-25

Amos 6:12

**God’s love is sacrificial and inseparable from His justice.**

**Justice without love is cruelty. Love without justice is a travesty** (i.e., a charade, a farce, a sham).

Micah 6:6-8

**God’s *steadfast love* and perfect *justice* are reconciled at the cross of Jesus Christ!** (Romans 3:21-26)

1 John 4:10

His great love brought the Paschal Lamb to the alter of sacrifice to pay the penalty that satisfies His judgment on sin for all those who believe.

Ephesians 5:1-2

What you have in our psalm is one gigantic indicative that is so massive, so overwhelming, that it spurs David on to sing of it and then, out of an outpouring of sheer love and gratitude, he rolls out several imperatives that with deep heartfelt conviction, he resolves to commit to in his life.

*I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; v2*

I will commit to studying, meditating on, and praying for holiness. I resolve to make my words and behavior match my desire for holiness.

*Oh when will you come to me?*

“Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you!” Psalm 102:1

**The nearness of the Lord to the sufferer is predicated on the sufferer crying out to the Lord.**

**David longed for the good that comes with closeness to and intimacy with God.**

“But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.” Psalm 73:28

Psalm 65:4

*within my house* = What people are at home is who they really are.

*I will walk* implies determination, direction, motion, and progress.

*I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. v3*

“Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.” 1 Corinthians 14:20

*A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil. v4*

The *steadfast love* of God is so inextricably woven together with His perfect *justice* – neither depreciated, neither diminished, neither tarnished – that we should never imagine one without the other.

And so, we are to be a people of God who reflect the image of God in that same way: a people who *do justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with our God*.