

Royal Vow

Psalms of David · Book IV · Royal Psalms

"A Psalm by David."

IN ONE SENTENCE



he king vows to sing of kindness and justice, to walk blamelessly at home, and to banish the slanderer and deceiver.

Remember it: One-oh-one: a clean house starts with a clean heart.

MEMORY VERSE

I will be careful to live a blameless life.
When will you come to me? I will walk
within my house with a blameless heart.

Psalm 101:2 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

תָּמִים

"blameless" · verse 2

In the Psalms: twelve times, in 7 psalms

תָּמִים means "whole" or "complete," with nothing missing. It describes the unblemished animal fit for sacrifice and the call to Abram, "walk before me and be blameless." The king wants a whole life with no hidden rooms, the same person at home as in public.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1–2 The king vows to sing and live a blameless life
- 3–4 He refuses vile things and keeps a perverse heart far away
- 5–8 He silences liars, welcomes the faithful, and cleanses the city

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 101 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/101.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

The Two Ways

Justice on the Wicked

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The king vows to sing of _____ and justice, to walk _____ at home,
and to banish the _____ and deceiver.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does the king say he will set before his eyes?

(A) No vile thing

(B) The wealth of the nations

(C) The faces of his enemies

(D) Images of his victories

2. Whom does the king want to dwell with him?

(A) The arrogant and conceited

(B) The faithful of the land

(C) Foreign princes

(D) Wise men from the east

3. How often will he cut off the wicked from the LORD's city?

(A) Once a year

(B) Every Sabbath

(C) Morning by morning

(D) At the new moon

TALK IT OVER

1. The king starts with his own house before the land. Why do you think he begins there?

2. What does this psalm show about what the LORD loves and what he will not tolerate?

3. What "vile things" are easy to set before our eyes today, and how can we keep them out?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 101 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 2 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: kindness · blamelessly · slanderer · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 3) · 2. B (v. 6) · 3. C (v. 8)