

LOYALTY PROVEN

When you are in a relationship with someone, there are things you do (or don't do) to display your commitment to that person. If you think the other person may doubt your commitment to the relationship, then you may try to assure them by saying something like, "Ask me anything. I will do whatever it takes to prove my loyalty to you."

David understood that among all the relationships of which he was a part, his relationship with the LORD was the most important. Psalm 26 is a song in which he declares his faithfulness to Yahweh and lets the LORD know that he would do anything to prove his loyalty to him.

In verses 1-8, we see David's loyalty proven. However, he starts by acknowledging Yahweh. David does not justify himself before the LORD by his actions, rather he calls on God to vindicate him (proclaim him to be right). Just like Abraham, David trusts in the LORD and it is counted to him as righteousness. The things which David mentions in this section of the poem remind us of the blessed person of Psalm 1 - particularly the things that are not to be done and are to be done.

On account of David's loyalty, in verses 9-11, David makes a righteous plea to God. He prays for deliverance. He asks that Yahweh would demonstrate faithfulness to his promises as he deals with him.

Finally, in verse 12, David praises the LORD. He does so among all who will listen. When my loyalty is unquestionably given to Jesus to the point where my actions are for him and not for me, I should praise him for salvation and want others to know about it as well.

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