

## **A Commitment to Faithfulness**

### **Introduction**

In 1 Sam. 13:14, David is mentioned as a man after God's own heart. We see readily the good works of David & how he was blessed. We are told of David's never ending commitment to God, his dedication to obeying His will & His desire for others to do as God wanted them to do. Today we want to examine the commitment that was behind everything he did. Psalm 101 is not a shallow decision, but a whole-hearted statement of devotion to God.

#### **I. Psa. 101:2 - I will give heed to THE blameless way.**

- A. Literally – he is saying he will “Behave” prudently” in (the) “way of integrity.”
  - 1. David sought God. He meditated upon His precepts. He walked wisely. His aim was set on doing that which was good.
  - 2. 1 Sam. 18:5, 14-15 – God was with him & he prospered in whatever he did.
- B. Are we committed to do as much as possible for the Lord?
- C. We should seek God FIRST - Mt. 6:33; seek & you will find - Mt. 7:7-8

#### **II. Psa. 101:2b - I will walk within my House in the integrity of my heart.**

- A. This was going to be a way of life with David.
  - 1. His aim was to be a good example in all points of his life all of the time!
- B. We must guard against nurturing an “image.”
  - 1. Luke 6:43-45 - we are known by our fruits.
  - 2. Heb. 4:11-13 - God knows your heart!

#### **III. Psa. 101:3a - I will set no worthless thing before my eyes.**

- A. Where David had a choice – he would choose to go God's way.
- B. We too must make this commitment w/the resolve to follow through!
  - 1. Satan is always ready – and WILL attack at our weakest link. 1 Pet. 5:8
  - 2. 2 Sam. 11:1-5 – what happened when David invited temptation?
- C. We must develop the strength/fortitude to turn away! Phil. 4:8
  - 1. Go to God in prayer at moment of temptation – 1 Cor. 10:13
  - 2. Memorize scriptures that combat your weaknesses
- D. Find someone to confide in & let them help/encourage you.

#### **IV. Psa. 101:3b - I Will Hate the Work of Those Who Fall Away.**

- A. He would hate all their doings, motives, plans.
- B. Note end of 101:3 - *it shall not fasten its grip on me.*
  - 1. He would have nothing to do w/wicked works. No compromise! No tolerance!

#### **V. Psa. 101:4b - I will know no evil.**

- A. When it came to his administration...wickedness would not be tolerated.
  - 1. In the nation of Israel there would be a clear line drawn between right/wrong!
- B. Then, as now – there is a CLEAR line between what is right & wrong!

#### **VI. Psa. 101:6 - My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land.**

- A. 101:6 - David recognized those who were doing good.
- B. Need to be looking for ways to encourage others for the good job they do.

### **Conclusion**

- A. What about you? Do you have this commitment to the Lord?