

## 2. I PROCLAIM WITH THANKSGIVING

- a. Thanksgiving
- b. Declaring

### **B1. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD SAVE YOU FROM THE WORLD, VV. 8-10**

### **A1. RESOLVE TO WALK IN INTEGRITY, VV. 11-12**

## **CONCLUSION**

## **APPLICATION**

1. You must be born-again

John 1:12, 13

2. Prepare for worship in advance
3. Repent of worshipping God wrongly in the past.

## **NEARER MY GOD TO THEE**

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Psalm 26

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### **INTRODUCTION: SELF-EXAMINATION**

? Do you practice self-examination and self-confrontation?

#### **Self-Examination**

Careful examination of your own behavior and beliefs to see whether they are good or bad

#### **Self-Confrontation**

Confronting sin in your life to confess and repent of it

#### **Psalm 139:23, 24**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;  
And see if there be any hurtful way in me,  
And lead me in the everlasting way.

Often there was a specific reason for such introspection.

Laments: 2 Kings 20:1-6; Psalm 130; Psalm 32:3-5; Psalm 6

Protective Psalms: Psalm 7, 17, 25, etc.

This psalm is not a lament or protective psalm.

We know this because of the structure.

- A. "I have walked in my integrity." vv. 1-3
  - B. "I hate the assembly of evildoers." vv. 4-5
    - C. "I go about Your altar." vv. 6-7
      - B1. "I love the habitation of Your house." vv. 8-10
        - A1. "I shall walk in my integrity." vv. 11-12

We believe that God is omnipresent.

## Omnipresence

God is always everywhere in the fullness of His being.

Psalm 139:7-10

### Jeremiah 23:23, 24

“Am I a God who is near,” declares the Lord,  
“And not a God far off? Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?” declares the Lord. Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?” declares the Lord.

### Psalm 65:4

How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near *to You* To dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,  
Your holy temple.

Hebrews 12:22-29

? How does one prepare himself to come near to God in worship?

## A. EXAMINE YOURSELF, VV. 1-3

### 1. JUDGE ME

- a. I Walk In My Integrity
- b. I Trust Without “Slipping”

### 2. EXAMINE ME AND TRY ME

#### 1. TEST MY HEART AND MIND

? What does he credit for his integrity?

## B. DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM THE WORLD, VV. 4-5

### 1. LIARS AND PRETENDERS

### 2. EVILDOERS

## C. REST IN THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, VV. 6-7

### 1. I GO TO THE ALTAR

The altar was where blood sacrifices were offered.

#### Leviticus 16:15, 16

Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. He shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel and because of their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.

This was a picture of Jesus on the cross.

Hebrews 9:13, 14, 22