

Psalm 101

*A Psalm of David
to sing and strum*

Of loyalty and justice now I sing:
To You, O LORD, I sing a song of praise:
I rhapsodise about Your perfect way:
When will You come to me, O LORD, I pray?

I seek to live with true integrity
Within my heart, as I live in my house:
I do not set bad things before my eyes:
I hate the things that wicked people do.

These wicked actions do not cling to me:
A perverse heart is very far from me.
I do not tolerate an evil thing.
[I seek to live with real integrity.]

The one who slanders neighbours secretly
I will reduce to silence utterly:
The one who has proud eyes and a proud heart
I will not tolerate within my house.

My eyes are upon faithful countrymen,
So they may dwell with me in harmony:
One who is walking in a blameless way
Will be the one to minister to me!

No one who acts deceitfully shall live
Within my house, or any who speak lies:
He will not stay long here before my eyes,
For evil workers I cannot abide!

Morning by morning I will now destroy
All wicked countrymen within the land,
And I will rid the city of the LORD
Of all the workers of iniquity!

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