

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED-ONE

Scripture: Psalm 101:1-8

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### Introduction:

- A. This Psalm is identified as a Psalm of David.
  - 1. It must have been written in early part of reign as King of Israel.
  - 2. Likely right after moving the capitol to Jerusalem.
  - 3. Before moving the Arc of Covenant to Jerusalem.
- B. This Psalm is the resolve of young King David as he begins his reign over God's people. In it he sets down general guidelines that will help him stay on course as he rules over God's people, Israel.
- C. These are inspired guidelines that every leader of men in any station of life would do well to adopt as theirs,
- D. History records that an English Duke once sent a copy of this Psalm to an unfaithful official...and thereafter, it became a proverb in the land when any official had done wrong, "He will certainly receive the Prince's Psalm to read."
- E. Blessed would be any country if its leaders would make David's resolve their resolve in ruling a country.

### I. LEARN THAT A LEADER OF PEOPLE SHOULD FIRST HAVE A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOD OF CREATION. v.1

- A. He should be saved, regenerated, a partaker of the Divine nature.
- B. He should be in fellowship with God; not only saved but in God's will.
- C. He should recognize God as Lord and Master of his life and himself as God's servant. "O Lord" (Rom. 13:1-4)
- D. He should dedicate himself to justice tempered with mercy.
- E. He should rejoice in the presence of the Lord God.

### II. LEARN WHAT HIS OWN PERSONAL LIFE STYLE AND BEHAVIOR SHOULD BE.

- A. It should be one of wisdom and maturity. v.2
- B. It should such as will permit him to rejoice in the presence of the Lord God. v.2
- C. It should be one that displays exemplary deportment in his own house. v.2
- D. It should be one of strict discipline:
  - 1. As to what he permits his eyes to look upon. v.3
  - 2. As to his feelings concerning those who work evil.
    - a. Hate the WORK of them that turn aside. v.3
    - b. I will not KNOW a wicked person...have any dealing with such a person. v.4
  - 3. He will not permit himself to have a forward heart...contrary...disobedient heart.

### III. LEARN THAT HE WILL MAKE IT HIS GOAL TO RID THE LAND OF WICKEDNESS. vs. 4, 5, 7, 8

- A. I will not know a wicked person. v.4
  - 1. A maker of mischief will I not acknowledge.
  - 2. I shall have no dealings with wrongdoing.
- B. Slanderers shall be cut off. v.5
  - 1. He that uttereth slander in secret against a friend,
  - 2. I will destroy the man who maligns his friend secretly.
- C. The man with a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer. v.5
  - 1. The man of haughty looks and arrogant heart, I will not endure.

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- 2. I will not tolerate one who is conceited and arrogant
- D. Deceitful, lying people shall be sent from his presence. There is no room in my house for any hypocrite, no liar keeps his post (of duty) where I can see him. v.7
- E. Early in his reign he shall make it his duty to rid the country of the wicked doers. v.8

**IV. LEARN THAT HE WILL CHOOSE THE RIGHTEOUS TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY. v.6**

- A. The faithful and trustworthy shall be his associates. v.6
- B. Those who walk in uprightness and integrity shall be his associates—his ministers—servants. v.6

**V. LEARN FROM THE HISTORY SIDE OF DAVID'S REIGN THAT MEN OF GREAT RESOLVE ARE NOT IMMUNIZED AGAINST SIN.**

- A. When David was advanced in age and well entrenched in his reign as king, he went down in defeat to the great tempter.
  - 1. He forgot his pledge to God and let his eyes be set on wickedness.
  - 2. He no longer walked in his house with a perfect heart.
- B. He then became guilty of most of the things he had resolved to rid his kingdom of.
  - 1. He turned aside...wickedness did cleave unto him. v.3
  - 2. His mind became evil...he became a wicked person. v.4
  - 3. He slandered his neighbor...and his proud heart and high look had his neighbor murdered. v.5
  - 4. He became guilty of deceit and lying. v.7
  - 5. He became one of the wicked who dwelt in the city. v.8

**CONCLUSION:**

Let us all resolve to live our lives within the will of God BUT let us know that without His strength and protection, we will fall as did David. FOR no person has within himself the strength to withstand the tempter.