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Why do you think he wrote this Psalm?

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Describe God's Love

Describe God's Justice

Are they contradictory or complimentary?

What would happen if there was one and not the other?

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But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always. Hosea 12:6

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How do you think praising God in the morning will effect you?

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I will walk in my house with blameless heart. V2

What does David means when he says, 'when will you come to me'?

What does this tell us about David's desires and goals?

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David wants to do what is right, he desires God's intimate presence and he admits, he does not always know it. It could also be that David is looking of a specific answer to prayer, this he sees as, *God coming to him*. We must expect God's presence, we must seek God's presence's. Did you notice the same goal was found in Hosea 12v6

What do love and justice have to do with being blameless? Micah 6v8

What connection is their between blamelessness and God's presence?

Deuteronomy 23v14, 18v13, Genesis 17v1, Matthew 5v48, Colossians 1v28 Psalm 18v25

How can we be blameless?

What does it mean to be 'blameless in my house'?

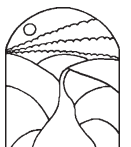
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What does it mean to be "blameless in our hearts"?

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I will set before my eyes no vile thing. Psalms 101:3

What does this mean? Job 31:1, Matthew 5v29 & 18v9

What sins are associated with the eyes?

Again there is an obvious meaning but also a less obvious one.

What is it? Isaiah 33v15

What danger his David guarding himself from?

Verses 4-8 *Watching out for the wicked.*

Who is David going to avoid?

Why? Psalm 119v115, 2 Corinthians 6v14-16

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character" 1 Corinthians 15:33. Psalm 1v1, 26v4

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What sins does David mention?

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David's reaction to sin, "*I will not set- I hate - Not cling to - be far from - have nothing to do with!*" For good or for bad, we take on the traits and values of those around us. Did you notice the contrast; the unfaithful and the faithful, the perverse in heart and the blameless.

Let those who love the LORD hate evil, Psalms 97:10

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Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness. Proverbs 14:22

What does it mean to be faithful?

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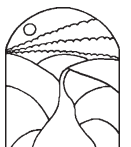
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