

When Bad things happen to Godly people!

Psalm 26

What to do when life's unfair: (v. 1)

- Allow the Lord to work in your life. (v. 2, Ps. 139:23-24)
 - Try me (allowing the Lord to ask you questions)
 - Cross-examine me (defend against the enemy)
 - Test me (1 Sam. 16:7, Prov. 16:2, 21:2, Jer. 17:10)
- Be aware of the Lord's presence. (v. 3a, Ps. 34:17-19, 139:7-12)
- Live by the Lord's Word. (v. 3b, 119:105, John 17:17, James 1:22)
- Refuse to follow the advice of the ungodly. (vv. 4-5) **Do not:**
 - Listen to their lies.
 - Buy into their hypocrisy.
 - Desire to spend time with them.
 - Join in with their sinful lifestyles.
- Remain faithful in worship. (vv. 6-8)
 - Petition the Lord about your own sins.
 - Proclaim the Lord's goodness in your life.
 - Place yourself in His house for worship.
- Reflect on the faithfulness of God. (vv. 9-10)
 - He is our Helper.
 - He is our Savior.
- Remain faithful to God. (vv. 11-14)
 - Be open to the Lord's teaching.
 - Don't listen to the false accusations of others.
 - Focus on the goodness of God.
 - Wait patiently for the Lord's help.

Points to Ponder:

- Understand there is a penalty for the unrighteous life, so live righteously before God! (Rom. 6:23, Heb. 9:27, Phil. 2:10-11)
- Leading a blameless life requires a choice, so choose God! (Josh. 24:15)
- Redemption and mercy come from God, so extend it to others as it has been extended to you!
- Our assurance is found in God, so praise the Lord for His faithfulness!