

**NEVER SHAKEN:
FINDING YOUR FOOTING IN A WORLD THAT IS SLIDING AWAY**

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A STORY...

In these circumstances, most people might suffer a mental breakdown. Some might cope by resorting to drugs or alcohol. Others could be devoured internally by raging anger and revenge. It might be natural to wallow in self-pity, regurgitating all the mistakes of the past. Some may even consider taking their own life to escape the pain.

But David _____!

THE COMPOSITION AND CONTEXT

COMPOSITION: _____, _____, _____

CONTEXT:

“Favors the time of the Absalomite exile, when David was cut off from the sanctuary of his God, while it was in the possession of men the very opposite of those described in this Psalm.” *Carl Friedrich Keil and Franz Delitzsch*

The tabernacle erected to house the Ark of the Covenant and subsequent placing of the Ark in Jerusalem occurred right at 977 B.C. Absalom’s rebellion then took place the next year (976 B.C.).

In fact, as David was leaving Jerusalem, escaping Absalom’s assault, the Levitical priests removed the Ark of the Covenant from the “Holy Hill.” David instructed them to take it back to Jerusalem where it belonged, and previously had been. (2 Samuel 15:25) *Eugene Merrill - distinguished professor of Semitics and Old Testament studies*

THE PROMISE

“He who does these things will _____.”

THE QUESTION

“O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

THE ANSWER:

_____, _____, and _____ integrity

PERSONAL INTEGRITY

"He who walks with integrity,"

A life where all the _____ together

"and works righteousness,"

"If people went to heaven by their own righteousness, it would be unfair in that it would require what not all have: knowledge, wealth, works, morality, etc. If you went to heaven by your works and died early, you would miss your chance to perform. If access to heaven were by your morality, and you were raised in a depraved environment, you would be handicapped. God, in His infinite grace, makes heaven available on the basis of what He did, not your own accomplishments." Walter Henrichsen

"If I try to hold this Psalm up as a mirror,
I see not my own face but the face of my savior.
Only he can ascend that 'holy hill'
and I will have to ascend with him or not at all." Malcolm Guite

"And speaks truth in his heart."

Psalm 51:6 - Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.

RELATIONAL INTEGRITY

"He does not slander with his tongue"- How I _____ about others

"Nor does evil to his neighbor" - How I _____ toward others

Romans 12:14, 18-21

"Nor takes up a reproach against his friend" - What I _____ about others

"In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honors those who fear the LORD" - How I _____ with others

"He swears to his own hurt and does not change" - What I _____ to others

FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

"He does not put his money out with interest" - How my money _____

"Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent" - How my money _____

THE PROMISE

"He who does these things will never be shaken."

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