

Treasure Hunt

- What common theme characterizes Psalms 26-32?
- How is Psalm 29 different from 26-28 and 30-32?
- How are 26-28 like 30-32? How are they different?
- What do these differences teach us about fellowship among saints?
- What similarities does Psalm 26 have with Psalm 1?
- Why does David want to go to the house of God in Psalm 26?
- Why does he want to go there in Psalm 27?
- How are 27:14 and 31:24 different? Whom is David addressing in each case? Why?

God's House in Psalms 26-32

Ps. 26:8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of **thy house**, and the place where thine honour dwelleth [the place of **thy** glorious **tabernacle**].

Ps 27:4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the **house of the LORD** all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in **his temple**.

Ps. 27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in **his pavilion**: in the secret of **his tabernacle** shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Ps. 27:6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in **his tabernacle** sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Ps. 28:2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward **thy holy oracle**.

Ps. 29:9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in **his temple** doth every one speak of *his* glory.

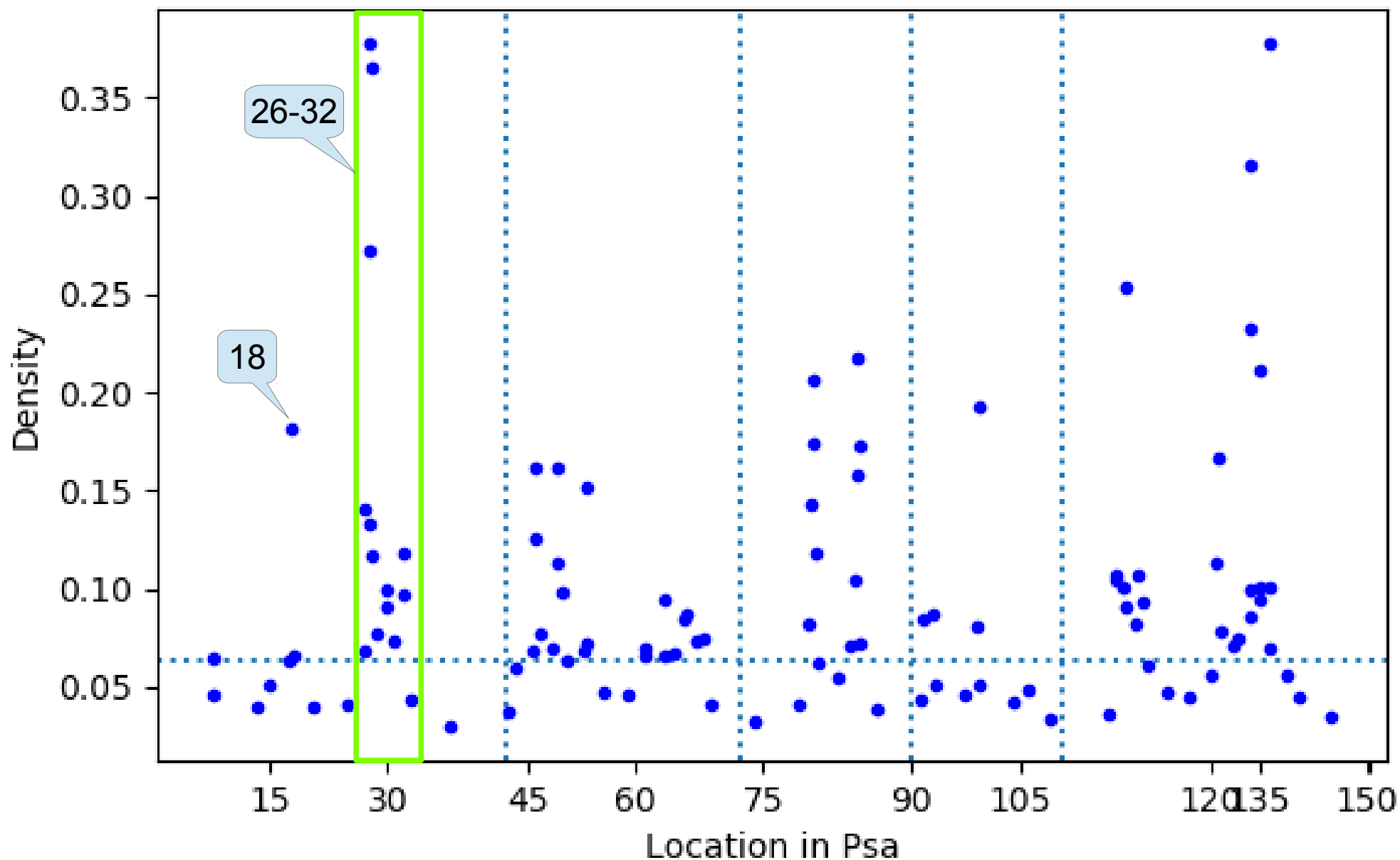
Ps. 30:1 A Psalm *and* Song *at* the dedication of **the house**, of David.

Ps. 31:2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for **an house** of defence to save me.

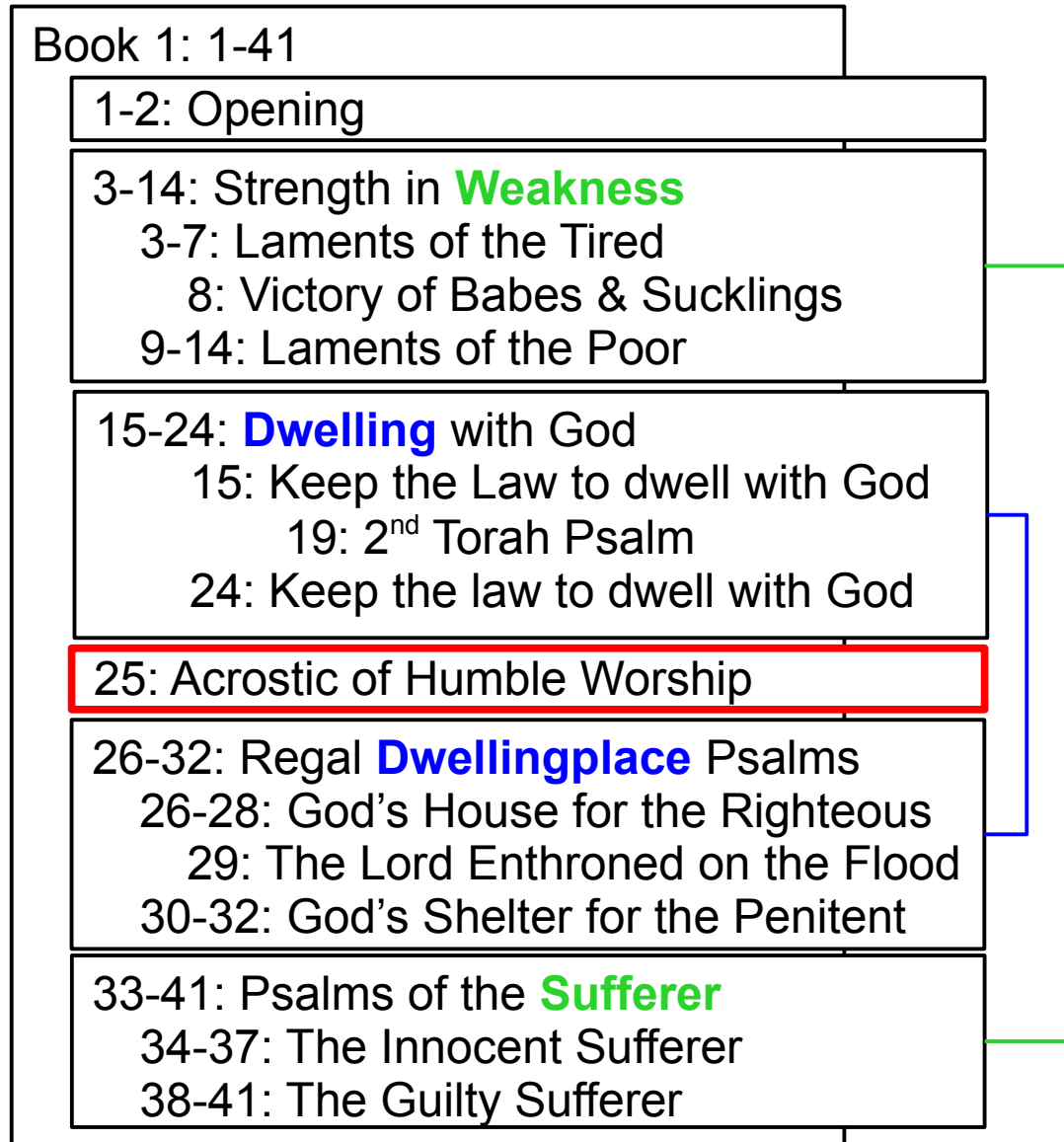
Ps. 31:20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a **pavilion** from the strife of tongues.

Ps. 32:7 Thou *art* my **hiding place**; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

משכן, סכה, סת, בית, אהל, היכל, דביר, סנתוארי, בוט, הדינג פלא, טאברנאקל (house, tent, temple, sanctuary, booth, hiding place, tabernacle) in Psalms



Groups of Psalms in Book 1



Structure of Psalms 26-32

29, Kingship Psalm

The LORD is enthroned over all

Psalms 26-28, Lament Righteous David seeks God's physical house Congregation is a passive audience	Psalms 30-32, Lament & Thanks Penitent David seeks God himself as a refuge He exhorts congregation to praise
David's integrity	David's sin
Opposition from the wicked	Opposition from God
Deliverance by punishing the wicked	Deliverance by restoration to fellowship
Physical house	God as the house of refuge (31:2, 20; 32:7)
David praises God before the people, 26:7, 12; 27:6; & prays for them, 28:9. Only one exhortation, singular (27:14)	David calls on the congregation (plural) to worship and praise (30:4; 31:23, 24; 32:11)
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Structure of Psalm 26

Prayer for deliverance	1a Judge me		11b redeem me, be merciful to me
Statement of integrity	1b I have walked in my integrity		11a I will walk in mine integrity
Prayer for vindication	2 Examine, prove, try me		9 Gather (destroy) not my soul
Chosen association	3-5 Not the wicked		8 God's house
Motive: encouraging the faithful	6-7 Visit sanctuary → publish God's works		12 Maintain integrity → bless the Lord publicly

26:1 Judge me שפֹּשׁ (Strong 8199) (defend from adversary)
 Psa 43:1 **Judge me**, O God, and **plead my cause** against an ungodly nation: O **deliver me** from the deceitful and unjust man.

26:1, 3, 11 walk, 4, 5 sit, 12 stand
 Psa 1:1 Blessed *is* the man that **walketh** not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor **standeth** in the way of sinners, nor **sitteth** in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Alternation in 27:7-13

Positive petition	7 Hear, have mercy, answer	11 Teach me, lead me
Motive	8 your invitation	11b my enemies
Negative petition	9 Hide not, leave me not	12 Deliver me not
Motive	Thou hast been my help ... God of my salvation	False witnesses are risen up
Confidence (3 rd person)	10 The Lord will care for me when my parents are no more	13 The Lord will care for me

27:8 *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Deu 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

To whom is v. 14 addressed?

14 Wait (קוה Strong 6960) on the LORD: **be of good courage, and he shall strengthen **thine** heart:** wait, I say, on the LORD.

Contrast 31:24 **Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen **your** heart,** all ye that hope in the LORD.

David might be
encouraging himself:

Psa 62:5 **My soul**, wait (דמם Strong 1826) thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him.

Psa 42:5 Why art thou cast down, **O my soul?** and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance.

More likely, an “**idealized hearer**”:

“My son” in Proverbs

Psa 37:34 Wait קוה on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt **thee** to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, **thou** shalt see it. *And rest of Ps 37*

Ps 32:8 I will instruct **thee** and teach **thee** in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.