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Ps. 66:18-20 “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the LORD would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me!” (NIV)

As David penned this praiseful Psalm, he comes to a conclusion with some spiritual insight. David knew that the only way to have fellowship with the LORD is to come clean before Him. The LORD knows everything about us and we cannot keep secrets from Him. David knew that he could not cherish sin in his heart and have any kind of meaningful relationship with the LORD. **1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (NIV)**

David knew that the LORD was not looking for people who had never sinned; there are none. Instead, He welcomes those who have sinned, but who have confessed and repented of those sins. David then states if he had “cherished sin in his heart,” the LORD would not have listened. Again, the LORD knows that we are not perfect in and of ourselves. **Rom. 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (NIV)** He also knows that we can be perfected through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus. And with a statement of assurance, David proclaims: **“but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.” (NIV)**

Beloved, we can have full confidence that the blood of Jesus has made a way into the presence of our Heavenly Father. He tore open the veil that separated us and we can now enter in and have fellowship with Him and He with us. Praise be to God!

Dear Father, thank You for making a way. Thank You for listening to our prayers. Thank You for the sacrifice You made on the cross. Thank You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen