

*Morning Worship April 2, 2017*

“Remember, Do Not Remember!” Psalm 25:6-7

**Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. (Psalm 25:6-7 NKJ)**

What a wonderful way to PRAY!

*I. Ask God to REMEMBER HIS MERCIES –*

*1. God's mercy, (His mercies) and forgiveness are a primary focus of this Psalm –*

**Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. (Psalm 25:6 NKJ)**

*A. :6 They are plural, meaning MANY, they are called:*

*A1 Great - “His mercies are great;” (2 Samuel 24:14 NKJ)*

*A2 Very Great - for His mercies are very great; 1 Chronicles 21:13 NKJ)*

*A3 Manifold - Yet in Your manifold mercies ... (Nehemiah 9:19 NKJ)*

*A4 Abundant - And according to Your abundant mercies You gave them deliverers who saved them From the hand of their enemies. (Nehemiah 9:27 NKJ)*

*A5 Multitude - Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, ... (Psalm 106:7 NKJ)*

*In Psalm 106:7 we see it is not just important that God remembers His mercies toward us, but we need to remember too, we far too easily FORGET!*

*“When all thy mercies, O my God, My rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost; In wonder, love and praise.”  
C.H. Spurgeon*

*B. Note too, in Psalm 25:6 God's mercies are called “tender” –  
Your tender mercies ... Psalm 25:6 NKJ)*

*The phrase translated “tender mercies” in the Hebrew is literally,  
“womb mercies” and is communicating the idea of a mother's typical  
love and mercy toward her unborn baby, or else the love of God*

*displayed in the protective design of a woman's womb! In our day and  
age, with abortion on demand, we see how sin distorts things!*

*C. Note also in Psalm 25:6, God's mercies are said to be historic,  
even eternal –*

**Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,  
For they are from of old (Psalm 25:6 NKJ)**

**The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you  
with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn  
you. (Jeremiah 31:3 NKJ)**

*2. When you pray to God to remember His MERCIES, ask Him to  
remember YOU!*

**... According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O  
LORD. (Psalm 25:7 NKJ)**

*This prayer must be a PERSONAL PRAYER, we all must pray this prayer-  
“And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his  
eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a  
sinner!’<sup>14</sup> “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather*  
than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he  
who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 18:13-14 NKJ)*

*3. God's mercies are found in particular “paths” -*

**All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His  
covenant and His testimonies. (Psalm 25:10 NKJ)**

*4. They cover GREAT iniquity, even all our sins -*

**For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it *is* great.  
(Psalm 25:11 NKJ)**

**Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins. (Psalm 25:18  
NKJ)**

**Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin  
abounded, grace abounded much more, (Romans 5:20 NKJ)**

## *II. Ask God to FORGET YOUR SINS!*

**Psalm 25:7** Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;

As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12 NKJ)

1. *We can ask these things because of our Covenant Relationship with Him –*

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. (Psalm 25:10 NKJ) *Who keeps these things?*

2. *Now, it is Christ Who has KEPT the Covenant for us – to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. (Hebrews 12:24 NKJ)*

A. *It is in Christ, and in Christ alone that all the promises of God are Yes and AMEN –*

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us-- by me, Silvanus, and Timothy-- was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes.  
<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. (2 Corinthians 1:19-20 NKJ)

Hebrews 8:8-13; Hebrews 9:15-28

B. *Because of Christ, We are in an intimate, Covenant relationship with Him -*

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2 NKJ)

## *III. Within this relationship –*

1. *He teaches us, leads us, guides us –*

Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. (Psalm 25:4 NKJ)

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. (Psalm 25:5 NKJ)

Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. (Psalm 25:8 NKJ)

The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. (Psalm 25:9 NKJ)

2. *Notice who He teaches:*

A. *Sinners - :8 ... He teaches sinners in the way. (Psalm 25:8 NKJ)*

B. *The humble - :9 The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. (Psalm 25:9 NKJ)*

3. *Notice what He teaches –*

*His ways and His paths –Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. (Psalm 25:4 NKJ)*

Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. (Psalm 25:8 NKJ)

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4. *This is teaching we really NEED –*

A. *We tend toward death rather than life -*

There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end is the way of death. (Proverbs 14:12 NKJ) & (Proverbs 16:25 NKJ)

B. *Like sheep we go astray, tending to go our own way rather than God's -*

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; ... (Isaiah 53:6 NKJ)

C. *Even the shepherds tend to FORGET the ways of God -*

"My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have led them astray; They have turned them away *on* the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill; They have forgotten their resting place. (Jeremiah 50:6 NKJ) *This is why we always need to point to God's Word and to Christ*

- NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105 NKJ) / Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6 NKJ)

## *“The Way of the Righteous”*

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalm 1:6 NKJ)**

*A. It is a way lighted by God’s word – Psalm 119:105*

**NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105 NKJ)**

“A lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” But it is important to place these words in context. The need for “a lamp” and “a light” imply that the psalmist has some dark paths to tread. This section stresses that the darkness is only too real. The psalmist is “severely afflicted” (v. 107), at a low ebb, desperately in need of new vitality. “I hold my life in my hand continually,” he says (v. 109). In other words, he is constantly exposed to danger; compare 1 Sam. 19:5, where the same expression is used of the risk David takes in attacking the Philistines. He is well aware that there are wicked people out to trap him (v. 110; cf. v. 61). The darkness is threatening, but there is light, the light of the LORD’s word. To this the psalmist has made a solemn and unbreakable commitment (v. 106), “to observe your righteous ordinances” (cf. v. 7), to stick to the straight and narrow way (v. 110), while recognizing that he needs further instruction (v. 108). However deep the commitment of faith, there is always more to learn.” R. Davidson

*B. It is the narrow way – Matthew 7:13-14*

**"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Matthew 7:13-14 NKJ)**

*C. It is the WAY which is Christ – John 14:6*

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6 NKJ)**

“Christ is *the way, the highway* spoken of, Isaiah 35:8. Christ was his own way, for by *his own blood he entered into the holy place* (Hebrews 9:12), and he is our way, for we enter by him. By his doctrine and example he teaches us our duty, by his merit and intercession he procures our happiness, and so he is the way.” Matthew Henry

*D. It is opposite of the way that “seems right to a man” – Proverbs 14:12; 16:25; Judges 2:19 “My way” Frank Sinatra*  
**There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. (Proverbs 14:12 NKJ) (Proverbs 16:25)**

**And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way. (Judges 2:19 NKJ)**

*They returned to their former, and usual, and natural, though interrupted course. More than their fathers, in Egypt or in the wilderness. From their own doings, i. e. from their evil practices, which he calls their own, partly because they were agreeable to their own natures, which in all mankind are deeply and universally corrupted, Gen. 6:5; 8:21; and partly because they were familiar and customary to them. Compare Isa. 58:13; 66:3; Ezek. 36:32; Acts 14:16; Jude 16. Their stubborn way, Heb. hard way; so he calls their way of wickedness, either because it proceeded from a hard heart, and was managed with a hard and stiff neck; or to signify, that although it seemed at first very soft, and easy, and pleasant, yet they would certainly, and did constantly, find that it was hard, and difficult, and troublesome to them, as a hard way is to the traveler. Matthew Poole*

*E. It is the way of those who “trust in the Lord” – Proverbs 3:5-6*

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJ)**

*F. It is the way to teach our children – Genesis 18:19*

**"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." (Genesis 18:19 NKJ)**

*G. It is a way for which we should pray “show me now Your way” it’s the way we pray God will teach us – Exodus 33: 13; Psalm 86:11*

<sup>13</sup> **"Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." (Exodus 33:12-13 NKJ)**

**Teach me Your way, O LORD;** I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. (Psalm 86:11 NKJ)

*Psalm 86:11.—“I will walk in thy truth.”* Conform to Scripture. Let us lead Scripture lives. Oh that the Bible might be seen to be printed in our lives! Do what the Word commands. Obedience is an excellent way of commenting upon the Bible.” —*Thomas Watson.*

*H. It is the way God promises to make prosperous – Joshua 1:8*  
"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. **For then you will make your way prosperous,** and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:8 NKJ)

*I. It is the way God preserves – Joshua 24:17*  
"for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, **and preserved us in all the way that we went** and among all the people through whom we passed. (Joshua 24:17 NKJ)

*J. It is the perfect way, the way of victory – 2 Samuel 22:31-37*  
As for **God, His way is perfect;** The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.<sup>32</sup> "For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?"<sup>33</sup> God is my strength and power, **And He makes my way perfect.**<sup>34</sup> He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.<sup>35</sup> He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.<sup>36</sup> "You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great."<sup>37</sup> **You enlarged my path under me; So my feet did not slip.** (2 Samuel 22:31-37 NKJ)

*K. It is a way to hold to – Job 17:9*  
**Yet the righteous will hold to his way,** And he who has clean hands will be stronger and stronger. (Job 17:9 NKJ)

*L. It is the way the Lord knows – Job 23:10-12; Psalm 1:6; 37:23*  
**But He knows the way that I take;** When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.<sup>11</sup> My foot has held fast to His steps; **I have kept His way** and not turned aside.<sup>12</sup> I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food. (Job 23:10-12 NKJ)  
For the LORD **knows the way of the righteous,** But the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalm 1:6 NKJ)

The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD, And **He delights in his way.** (Psalm 37:23 NKJ)

*M. It is the way God will teach the humble – Psalm 25:8-12; 27:11; 32:8*  
**Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.**<sup>9</sup> The humble He guides in justice, **And the humble He teaches His way.**<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.<sup>11</sup> For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.<sup>12</sup> Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. (Psalm 25:8-12 NKJ)

**Teach me Your way, O LORD,** And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. (Psalm 27:11 NKJ)

“*Thy way*, i.e. what course I shall take to please thee, and to discharge my duty, and to save myself from ruin. *A plain path*; (smooth path NKJ) that I may neither open their mouths against me or religion by my miscarriages, nor fall into their hands by my folly, nor give them any occasion of triumphing over me.” Matthew Poole

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.** (Psalm 32:8 NKJ)

*N. It is the way to be redirected and revived to – Psalm 119:37*  
Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, **And revive me in Your way.** (Psalm 119:37 NKJ)

*O. It is the way EVERLASTING – Psalm 139:24 (opposite: “the way of the ungodly shall perish”)*  
And see if *there is any wicked way in me,* **And lead me in the way everlasting.** (Psalm 139:24 NKJ)

*Psalm 139: 24.—“See if there be any wicked way in me,”* etc.—

“Think and be careful what thou art within,  
For there is sin in the desire of sin:  
Think and be thankful, in a different case,  
For there is grace in the desire of grace.”  
*John Byrom, 1691–1763.*

*Arnold Brevick*