

Psalm 25:8–22

- 8 Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.  
9 The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.  
10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.  
11 For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.  
12 Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.  
13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth.  
14 The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.  
15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.  
16 Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.  
17 The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses!  
18 Look on my affliction and my pain, And forgive all my sins.  
19 Consider my enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred.  
20 Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.  
21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.  
22 Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their troubles!

***An Alphabet Psalm of Deliverance, Part 2***  
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INTRO:

**Psalm 25** is a Psalm of David, but it stands out in the Psalter because it is the first of the alphabet psalms in which each verse begins with a subsequent letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This makes it a little difficult to carve into blocks of thought. Still, we can discern David's overall point in this Psalm. Yahweh will lead, forgive, and deliver David.

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***the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.”***

A. Because Yahweh is good to us, we can trust Him. [verses 8-10]

1. The second stanza begins with an assertion of the LORD’s integrity. ***“Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.”***

Everything our LORD does is good and upright. He never tries us to see how much we can take. Rather, He allows trials to come into our lives to teach us things we cannot learn any other way.

2. Because this is true, He teaches sinners in the way. If David wrote “righteous,” we would wonder if we qualify. Our God saves us while we are sinners and as we grown in grace, He still leads us in His way.

3. In a parallel idea David wrote, ***“The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.”*** The “humble” in this verse are not those who think too poorly of themselves, but are more like those who humble themselves in **1 Peter 5:6-7**.

***“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”***

This humility is submitting to the will of God. When submitting is difficult, we do this by casting all our anxiety on the Lord Jesus because He loves us.

4. We can humble ourselves and trust our future to the LORD because, ***“All the paths of the LORD are [loving kindness] and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.”*** David prayed to God again and told Him again how He leads His people. Do We Pray Like This? Maybe we should.

B. Forgive Me [ verses 11-15 ]

***“For Your name’s sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth. The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net”*** (verses 11-15).

1. David again pleads for forgiveness. When we think of our thrice holy God we cannot help become aware of how unholy we are. David’s plea for forgiveness is based on the LORD’s great character and being and his own unworthiness. He does not seek to “bargain” with the LORD, only to throw himself upon the LORD for forgiveness.

2. ***“Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.”*** While we are not to live in terror of the living God, we must recognize

we cannot dally with the God Who is not like other (man-made) gods. He is the One Who holds creation together and gives life and takes it at His will. When we really recognize Who this God is, we want to live in a right relationship with Him.

3. David then announces a great truth. ***“The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.”*** The word ***“secret”*** describes God’s counsels and friendship. If you want to know what God is doing, you need to understand who He is and seek to know Him in Christ.

4. Because this is true, David wrote his resolve. ***“My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.”*** My heart and eyes are anchored on the LORD and He will deliver me through my life.

### ***III. David’s Second Group of Petitions (v. 16-22)***

***“Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins. Consider my enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You”*** (v.16-20).

A. David now turns to the problem of his enemies (v. 16-20). We need to recognize that the lot of a child of God is not one of health, wealth, and prosperity. The promise is not that we will never walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Rather, it is. ***“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”*** (Psalm 23:4). He promised to go through our trials with us.

***“Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You. Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their troubles!”*** (v.21-22)

B. David closed his Psalm with his great desire. ***“Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,”*** We read these two words and we are surprised. How can David who wrote so often and so earnestly about his need of forgiveness now talk about his integrity and uprightness? He is giving voice to the wonder of God’s forgiveness and his own desire. What do we want to be before our God? Words like “godly” and “holy” flood our hearts. This is similar to what David was requesting.

C. ***“For I wait for You.”*** David learned to wait upon God. He waited reciting to the LORD what he knew Him to be. Through the troubles he waited knowing God would do right in the end.

D. This Psalm has been intensely individual. In this last verse David drew a broad application. ***“Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their troubles!”*** Not only did David need personal deliverance in the timing of God. All of God’s covenant people

needed that deliverance also. We like David can lay hold of these promises and hold fast to these truths as we wait for God to keep His Word.

***What do we take from this?***

1. We learn that we can be forgiven and restored to fellowship with our God.
2. We learn how we must pray. Before our shopping list of needs we need to rehearse to the living God Who He is and what He is like. When we remember His grace, mercy, and infinite power, we can find the strength to pray and to wait to see Him answer.
3. Like David, we learn God will lead, forgive, and deliver us.

***Hymn #43 Great Is Thy Faithfulness***