

# Trusting God during Trouble

## Psalm 25

January 21, 2018

The Psalms express the heart of a covenant keeper in a fallen world.

It is trusting God where the rubber hits the road.

This Psalm combines crucial elements of walking in Covenant with God.

*It is a prayer for protection v1-3, guidance v4-5, forgiveness v6-7, praise v 8-9, holiness v 10-11, fear v12-14, deliverance v15-21, and intercession v 22.*

### **Confident Prayer V 1-3**

What does lifting up the soul to God mean?

David commits himself unreservedly to God before the answer comes.

Shame, what does that mean here?

### **Asking for Guidance v 4-5**

God is not a means to an end.

What is it to wait upon the Lord?

### **Asking for forgiveness v 6-7**

On what basis do you appeal for forgiveness?

It is walking in covenant, taking God at His word, acting on the basis of God's character, *not defending our own character.*

Sins of youth

### **Praise for God's Goodness and Mercy (The sheepdogs) v 8-11**

David delights himself in the character of God.

Survival capsule.

## **Confidence in God's Friendship V 12-15**

Herman Hoeksema, walking in covenant with God is “a life of most perfect friendship, of the most intimate communion, of the deepest knowledge and the most affectionate love.”

## **Request for forgiveness, deliverance and protection (v 16-21)**

He is taking God as he is, and what he has promised, and bringing them to bear on his present circumstance.

Integrity and uprightness, whose? God's or David's? v 21

## **Prayer of Intercession v 22**