

Psalm 25 - continued

tresses. ¹⁸ Consider mine affliction and my travail; And forgive all my sins. ¹⁹ Consider mine enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred. ²⁰ Oh keep my soul, and deliver me: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in thee. ²¹ Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for thee. ²² Redeem Israel, O God, Out all of his troubles.

What have we learned by reading this psalm? We need to learn to put our devotion in God. In whom (or what) do we trust as we walk through life? (Psalm 28:7) Are we open to the teaching of God's truth during our life? (Psalm 27:11) Do we recognize the Lord as the one, true guide and standard of our life? (Psalm 92:15) What direction do we turn in life, toward the world or toward the Lord? (Psalm 123:1-2) To whom (or what) do we rely upon in times of trouble? (Psalm 34:6,17)

- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less.
- People do not lack strength as much as they lack will.
- Those who fear death often fear life.
- It's ok to forget your mistakes as long as you remember what they taught you.
- Test all things and hold to the good.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Psalm 25: A Prayer of Devotion to God

Psalm 25 is a psalm in a series of psalms focusing on the righteous drawing near to God (Psalm 25-29). This psalm is attributed to David during the time of Absalom's rebellion (2 Samuel 13-18).

Psalm 25 is an acrostic or alphabetical psalm (22 letters for 22 verses; 2 letters are omitted, 2 letters – *aleph* and *resh* - are repeated). It is also a chiasmic psalm (organized in the shape of an "X"). Verses 1-7: petitions of the psalmist. Verses 8-10: statements of God's character. Verse 11: Pardon (half-way point). Verses 12-14: statements of God's character. Verses 15-22: petitions of the psalmist.

Psalm 25 is a psalm answering the question: "How do I deal with the inward transgressions and outward troubles in my life?" This psalm is divided into five sections: trust, teach, true, toward God, and troubles. Why not take just a moment to read this psalm?

Psalm 25: Trust

¹Unto thee, O Jehovah, do I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in thee have I trusted, Let me not be put to shame; Let not mine enemies triumph over me. ³Yea, none that wait for thee shall be put to shame: They shall be put to shame that deal treacherously without cause.

Psalm 25: Teach

⁴Show me thy ways, O Jehovah; Teach me thy paths. ⁵Guide me in thy truth, and teach me; For thou art the God of my salvation; For thee do I wait all the day. ⁶Remember, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindness; For they have been ever of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: According to thy lovingkindness remember thou me, For thy goodness' sake, O Jehovah.

Psalm 25: True

⁸Good and upright is Jehovah; Therefore will he instruct sinners in

the way. ⁹The meek will he guide in justice; And the meek will he teach his way. ¹⁰All the paths of Jehovah are lovingkindness and truth Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹For thy name's sake, O Jehovah, Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.

Psalm 25: Toward God

¹²What man is he that feareth Jehovah? Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall choose. ¹³His soul shall dwell at ease; And his seed shall inherit the land. ¹⁴The friendship of Jehovah is with them that fear him; And he will show them his covenant. ¹⁵Mine eyes are ever toward Jehovah; For he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Psalm 25: Troubles

¹⁶Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; For I am desolate and afflicted. ¹⁷The troubles of my heart are enlarged: Oh bring thou me out of my dis-