

An (Un)ashamed Worshipper

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SUMMER
— IN THE —
Psalms

Open: What's something you recently had to wait for? How did you feel as you waited?

Read & Discuss: Psalm 25:1-22

1. From verses 2 and 19, how would you describe the threat against David that prompted him to seek God's help? What sort of threats come against us that should prompt us to turn to God?
2. Verses 3, 5 and 21 all speak of "waiting for God" in a time of trial. What does it look like to wait for God? What would be its opposite? Why would waiting for God please Him? In what circumstances do you tend to struggle to wait on God?
3. How would you restate the principles of verse 3 in your own words? How have you seen this play out in the world? How should we respond when we don't see this principle playing out?
4. In verses 6-7, David asks God to remember His mercy and to forget David's sins. How should we think about our present sins? In what sense should we remember our past sins?
5. According to verses 9 and 12, God teaches and guides those who are humble and fear Him. Why do you think this is so? How does David illustrate in this psalm that he is this type of person? How do we cultivate these traits in our own life?
6. How have you experienced the blessings for those who fear the Lord promised in verses 12-14? How would you use verses 11-14 to encourage a believer who feels that their sin has somehow prevented them from going to God for help with their need?
7. How would you describe David's inner condition in verses 15-17? Can you describe a situation from your life that made you feel a similar way?
8. What assumptions does David appear to be operating on in verses 18-21? What parts of God's character have offered you hope in the midst of your trials and troubles?

Apply: In light of how you're doing spiritually, what verse in Psalm 25 speaks to you? Why?

Pray: Pray that we would be a people who rest in the grace of God and who are eager to turn to Him in our times of need.

Psalm 25. *Of David.*

¹ *To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.*

² *O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.*

³ *Indeed, none who wait for you
shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who
are wantonly treacherous.*

⁴ *Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.*

⁵ *Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.*

⁶ *Remember your mercy, O LORD,
and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.*

⁷ *Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

⁸ *Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.*

⁹ *He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.*

¹⁰ *All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love
and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant
and his testimonies.*

¹¹ *For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.*

¹² *Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way
that he should choose.*

¹³ *His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.*

¹⁴ *The friendship of the LORD is for those
who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.*

¹⁵ *My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*

¹⁶ *Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.*

¹⁷ *The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.*

¹⁸ *Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.*

¹⁹ *Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.*

²⁰ *Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame,
for I take refuge in you.*

²¹ *May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for you.*

²² *Redeem Israel, O God,
out of all his troubles. (ESV)*