

# Psalm 25

## Outline

Title: Of David (1a)

### I. Statement of Trust (1-3)

#### A. Trust (1b-2a)

1. Unto You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul (1b) a b
2. My God, in You I trust (2a) a' b'

#### B. Prayer (2b-c)

1. Do not let me be shamed (2b) a b
2. And do not let my enemies rejoice over me (2c) a b'

#### C. Reason (3)

1. Everyone waiting/hoping for You will not be shamed (3a) a b
2. But they will be shamed, the ones dealing treacherously without cause (3b) -b -a c

### II. Prayer for Guidance/Revelation of God's nature (4-5)

#### A. Prayer (4-5b)

1. Your ways, Yahweh, make me know<sup>1</sup> (4a) a b
2. Your paths, teach me (4b) a' b'
3. Cause me to walk in your truth (5a) b'' a''
4. And teach me (5b) b'

#### B. Reason (5c-d)

1. Because You are God of my salvation (5c)
2. I am waiting/hoping for You all the day (5d)

### III. Prayer to Remember Chesed (6-10)

#### A. Prayer (6-7)

1. Remember Your compassion (6)
  - a. Remember Your compassion, Yahweh (6a) a b
  - b. And Your Cov't faithfulness because they are eternal (6b) b' c
2. Not my sin (7)
  - a. Sins of my early life and my transgressions, do not remember (7a) d d -a
  - b. According to Your Cov't faithfulness, You remember me (7b) b' a b''  
For the sake of Your goodness Yahweh (7c)

#### B. Basis for Prayer- Reasons= God's character (8-10)

1. He is good and upright (8-9)
  - a. Good and upright is Yahweh (8a)
  - b. Therefore (8b-9)
    - i. He will teach sinners in the way (8b) a b c
    - ii. He will lead afflicted ones in justice (9a) a' b' c'
    - iii. He will teach afflicted ones His way (9b) a'' b'' c''
2. All His paths are Cov't faithfulness (10)
  - a. All of the paths of Yahweh are Cov't faithfulness (10a) a b
  - b. And truth, firmness to the ones keeping His Cov't and His testimony (10b) b' c c'

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<sup>1</sup> "The deepest need of the supplicant is for understanding." Tate, WBC p. 384. We cannot pray effectively until we know the God we pray to.

IV. Prayer for Forgiveness (11-14)

A. Prayer (11)

1. For the sake of Your name, Yahweh (11a)
2. Pardon my evil, because it is great (11b)

B. Basis for Prayer- Reasons= God's character (12-14)

1. Who is this one fearing Yahweh? (12a)
2. His Reward (12b-14)
  - a. Part 1 (12b-13)
    - i. He will teach him in the way He chose (12b)
    - ii. His soul in goodness it will abide (13a) a b c
    - iii. And his seed will inherit the land (13b) a' c' b'
  - b. Part 2 (14)
    - i. Intimacy is to the one fearing Him (14a) a b
    - ii. And His Cov't he teaches them (14b) a' c

V. Prayer for Rescue, Help (15-17)

A. Trust (15)

1. My eyes are continuously upon Yahweh (15a)
2. Because He, He will bring my feet out of the snare (15b)

B. Prayer (16-17)

1. Turn to me and be gracious (16a) A
  - a. Because I am lonely and afflicted (16b) B
  - a. The distresses of my heart enlarge (17a) B'
2. Bring me out from my distress (17b) A'

VI. Prayer for Help (18-19)

A. Part 1 (18)

1. See my affliction and my trouble (18a) a b A
2. And take away all my sin (18b) a' b' B

B. Part 2 (19)

1. See my enemies (19a) a b'' A'
2. Because the violent hatred (19b) c b''' B'

of those who hate me increases

VII. Summary (20-21)

A. Part 1 (20)

1. Guard my soul and rescue me (20a) a a'
2. Do not let me be shamed because I seek refuge in You (20b) a'' b

B. Part 2 (21)

1. Let integrity and uprightness guard me (21a) a'''
2. Because I wait/hope for You (21b) b'

VIII. Ransom Israel, O God, from all his distress (22)