

Psalm 25

"David's Request for Preservation Based on the Goodness of Yahweh"

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A Psalm of David.

A1 DAVID'S PRAYER FOR PROTECTION, GUIDANCE, AND LOYAL LOVE 25:1-7

B1 His Appeal to Yahweh for Protection from Shame 25:1-3

C1 The Object of His Appeal: {1} To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. 25:1

C2 His Concern about Shame: His request that he might be spared shame from his enemies 25:2

D1 His Expression of Trust: {2} O my God, in You I trust,

D2 His Request to be Spared Shame: Do not let me be **ashamed**;¹

D3 His Request to be Spared Defeat: Do not let my enemies exult over me.

C3 His Confidence about Shame 25:3

D1 Regarding Those Who Wait for Yahweh: {3} Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be **ashamed**;

D2 Regarding The Treacherous: Those who deal treacherously without cause will be **ashamed**.

B2 His Appeal to Yahweh for Instruction and Guidance Resulting in Salvation 25:4-5

C1 Instruction: {4} Make me know Your ways, O LORD; **Teach** me Your paths.

C2 Guidance: {5} Lead me in Your truth and **teach** me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

¹ Psalm 25:2 - ashamed: The emphasis is the author's here, and throughout. Bold-face font in the Scripture text illustrates the thematic development of that section.

B3 His Request for Yahweh's Loyal Love Resulting in Forgiveness 25:6-7

C1 To Remember His Compassionate Loyal Love: {6} Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your **lovingkindnesses**,² For they have been from of old.

C2 Not to Remember His Sins: {7} Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C3 But to Remember Him, Based on His Loyal Love and Goodness

D1 According to Your **lovingkindness** remember me,

D2 For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

A2 DAVID'S PRAISING OF THE GOODNESS OF YAHWEH 25:8-11

B1 The Statement of His Goodness: {8} Good and upright is the LORD; 25:8a

B2 The Evidences of His Goodness among Men 25:8b-10

C1 Toward Sinners: Therefore He instructs sinners in the way. 25:8b

C2 Toward the Humble 25:9

D1 {9} He leads the humble in justice,

D2 And He teaches the humble His way.

C3 Toward Those Who Keep His Word 25:10

D1 The orientation of His loyal love and truth: {10} All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth

D2 The objects of His loyal love and truth: To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

B3 David's Prayer for Forgiveness Based on Yahweh's Good Name 25:11

C1 The Basis of His Request: {11} For Your name's sake, O LORD,

C2 The Content of His Request: Pardon my iniquity,

C3 The Reason for His Request: for it is great.

² Psalm 25:6, 7 - lovingkindness(es): NASB's translation of the Hebrew *chesed*. Bruce Waltke translates *chesed* as "loyal love," the rendering I employ in the heading for Psalm 25:6-7.

A3 DAVID'S LISTING OF THE BENEFITS TO THE MAN WHO FEARS YAHWEH 25:12-15

- B1 Instruction:** {12} Who is the man who **fears** the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.
- B2 Prosperity:** {13} His soul will abide in prosperity, And his descendants will inherit the land.
- B3 Revelation:** {14} The secret of the LORD is for those who **fear** Him, And He will make them know His covenant.
- B4 Salvation:** {15} My eyes are continually toward the LORD, For He will pluck my feet out of the net.

A4 DAVID'S PLAINTIVE PRAYER FOR HELP 25:16-22

B1 For Himself 2:16-21

- C1 For Gracious Fellowship Because He Is Lonely: {16} Turn to me and be gracious to me, For I am lonely and afflicted.
- C2 For Deliverance Because He Is Troubled: {17} The troubles of my heart are enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses.
- C3 For Sympathy and Forgiveness: {18} Look upon my affliction and my trouble, And forgive all my sins.
- C4 For Cognizance of His Numerous Malevolent Enemies: {19} Look upon my enemies, for they are many, And they hate me with violent hatred.
- C5 For Protection and Deliverance: {20} Guard my soul and deliver me; Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in You.
- C6 For Preservation through Integrity and Uprightness: {21} Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.

B2 For Israel: {22} Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all his troubles.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 25

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