

PSALM 25

What beautiful and touching language is here offered to the humble-minded Christian in which to lift up his soul to God! It needs no comment. To those who truly humble themselves before God, he shows the covenant of mercy and makes their soul to dwell at ease. And over those who, instead of wishing for the good things of this world pray that Christ's righteousness may be their only prized possession, he will undoubtedly throw the mantle of his justifying merits in the awful day of general retribution.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 To you, O YAHWEH, 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 YAHWEH; 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 YAHWEH, 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 YAHWEH!

- 8 Good and upright is YAHWEH; 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 YAHWEH are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

- 11 For your name's sake, O YAHWEH, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
- 12 Who is the man who fears YAHWEH?
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 YAHWEH is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.
- 15 My eyes are ever toward YAHWEH, 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.

PRAYER

O gracious and righteous Lord God, you are the guide of the meek and teach the humble your way. Forgive our sins, those of our youth as well as those of later years. Although we have deserved your wrath, yet you are pleased to think upon us according to your mercy in Christ Jesus. Having taken away our sins, you will keep our souls, that we may dwell safe from all our enemies when we inherit the land of everlasting rest, where you live and reign, eternal God, world without end. Amen.