

Sermon Notes

LORD, TEACH ME YOUR WAYS

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 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! (Psalm 25:4-7).

My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins (Psalm 25:15-18).

The sins of the mind are “those sudden irregular emotions which arise in our minds when we are tossed by adversity, and by which we are precipitated into the devious and deceitful paths of error.”

David, a distinguished prophet and endowed with so much wisdom, stood in need of divine instruction, what shall become of us, in our afflictions?”

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers (Psalm 1:1).

He delights in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night (Psalm 1:2).

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL TO ME

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. For your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant (Psalm 25:8-14).

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5).

PLEASE, DO NOT DISAPPOINT ME!

Psalm 25

A psalm written as an acrostic

A psalm written as a chiasm

A – Psalm 25:1-3—Lord, do not disappoint!

B – Psalm 25:4-7—Lord, teach me your ways?

C – Psalm 25:8-14—Lord, you are faithful.

B – Psalm 25:15-18—Lord, teach me your ways?

A – Psalm 25:19-21— Lord, do not disappoint!

LORD, PLEASE DO NOT DISAPPOINT ME!

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous (Psalm 25:1-3).

Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles (Psalm 25:19-21).

For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels (Luke 9:26).

Then you will know that I am the LORD. Those who trust in me will never be put to shame (Isaiah 49:23).

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me (Psalm 25:2).

He is spiritually lost, confused, impatient, sinful, guilt ridden, drowning, lonely, troubled, afflicted, threatened, and unprotected.

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