

## Psalm 25

## A Psalm of David – An Acrostic Psalm

King James Version (KJV)

**25** Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. (ashamed= confused)

<sup>3</sup>Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

<sup>4</sup>Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. (teach= goad)

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. (teach= goad)

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. (mercy– also means grace)

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. (Those who wish to learn)

<sup>9</sup>The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. 2Peter-3:9

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

<sup>11</sup>For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

<sup>12</sup>What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. (fear also means revere – same word in Hebrew)

<sup>13</sup>His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. (God is the inheritance of the Elect – Ezekiel-44)

<sup>14</sup>The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. (secret= hidden counsel) (fear= revere)

<sup>15</sup>Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. (The net of deception)

<sup>16</sup> Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

<sup>17</sup> The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

<sup>18</sup> Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

<sup>19</sup> Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

<sup>20</sup> O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. (keep= guard, or hedge, or surround)  
(ashamed-> see 2Timothy-2:15)

<sup>21</sup> Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

<sup>22</sup> Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

See Appendix 63 in the companion Bible, to decipher the acrostic

The versus begin with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet

An acrostic Psalm – a Hebrew letter has been omitted –

The letter K - the 11<sup>th</sup> letter, so the 11<sup>th</sup> verse is central

Verses 1 & 2 start with the letter A

Verses 18 & 19 start with the letter R

The acrostic juxtaposes the faithfulness of God, to the unfaithfulness of man.