

Psalms 25 Commentary

A Psalm of David

Ps 25:1 "Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. 3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause."

Why does King David lift up his soul to God? Because David trusts that God will keep him. David asks of God that God not let him be ashamed. Ashamed of what? The first thing is let him not be ashamed of God. The second is David is requesting that his life does not reflect sin which would cause him to be ashamed before God.

David asks that God keep him safe from his enemies that they cannot triumph over him. David requests of God that none of those who wait upon God be ashamed. Then David asks of God; let those who transgress without cause (deceitfully with no basis) be ashamed. We do not know just when David penned this Psalm, however, we do know of at least two times in David's life when God made his enemy, King Saul ashamed. Saul transgressed without a cause because he sought to slay David whom God had already anointed and filled with His Spirit, to be king after Saul. Why was Saul ashamed? Because David was given the opportunity to kill Saul and did not, because Saul was anointed by God. David brought this to Saul's attention and Saul went away ashamed.

4 "Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old."

David request of God to be taught the ways of God, to be filled with the truth of God, and to be taught to walk in God's path and not his own. This is a lesson that every child of God needs to learn, in order to be protected from the deceitful devil, because in our own strength we cannot overcome Satan and his minions.

David asks God to remember His tender mercy toward David, because David says: you gave me your salvation. David asks God to remember his loving kindness toward David; for tender mercy and the lovingkindness of God have always been. They are as old as God himself.

We can witness with King David in this. How you ask? Because before the world was, because of God's tender mercy and lovingkindness, God the Son covenanted with God the Father to save all of God's people from their sins eternally, and to prepare an eternal home for them which would be free of sin.

7 "Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. 8 ¶ Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. 9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies."

This plea of David is the saved sinner's plea. Because you have chosen me to be a child of God, do not remember my sins against me, but in thy mercy and goodness cast my sins into the sea of forgetfulness, to be remembered against us no more.

David says to God: since you have put your Spirit upon me, teach me thy way. Teach me to be meek and guide me in judgment, for thy paths are mercy and truth to those who keep your covenants and testimonies. Every child of God can make this same plea to God, and rest assured that it will be answered, because of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

11 "For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. 12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. 13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. 14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant."

David request of God: since you have set me apart to serve you and put your Spirit upon me: pardon all mine iniquity, which is very great. Because of my iniquities, I do tremble before thee, oh Lord, when they are brought to my remembrance. Because I fear before thee oh God, teach me the way that you have chosen for me to walk in, and allow me to walk therein at ease in my soul, fully trusting in thy mercy and lovingkindness.

David reminds us that inherit the earth, the offspring of the seed, the secret grace of God is with them, and they fear before God. David is praying for the salvation of his children and the children of Israel, for God has made covenants with David and Israel.

Now apply these thoughts to your own life as a child of God. If you have been given new birth in Christ, you have been given a covenant promise from God. Therefore, we have inherited a place in the kingdom of God on earth, the New Testament Church, and a covenant of eternal forgiveness of sin and eternal life in Christ. We also have the covenant promise of God of an eternal home, in the presence of Jesus Christ, without sin, in glorified sinless bodies.

15 ¶ "Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. 18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins."

King David declares that since God has drawn him to look to the Lord, God will lift his feet out of the net that the enemy has spread to ensnare him.

Apparently, David feels like God has withdrawn His presence from him, because he asks God to turn toward me, and have mercy upon me, because I am feeling desolate and afflicted. David says the troubles are enlarged and he needs to be delivered from this great distress. David asks God to look upon his affliction, and the pain in his heart, and forgive him of all his sins.

Even today, in this world of sin and sorrow in which we live, our enemy, Satan, is always trying to remind us of the multitude and magnitude of our sins, which make us feel that God has turned away from us, and we find ourselves in great distress, and we are pained in our hearts. We sometimes lose the assurance of our eternal salvation, and therefore, we can witness with David and pray to God for our own deliverance.

19 "Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. 20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles."

David asks God to consider his enemies, for they are many that hate me with cruel hatred. David prays to be kept and delivered by the hand of God. David says to not let me be ashamed before thee because of my sins, because you have already forgiven them, and I have put my trust in you. David asks for integrity, uprightness, and preservation in his life, as I wait for you to come to me. David asks of God for the redemption of Israel from their troubles.

Is not this the case of every child of God? Like David, we have a multitude of enemies that are inherited in our flesh nature. We can see what these enemies are when we look at the scripture in ***Ga 5:19-21; 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*** People, who live lives that manifest these fruits of the flesh nature, will not be in heaven, except God put His Holy Spirit in them before they die.

We are told in the following verses the lives we should live in Christ, seen in ***Ga 5:22-26; 22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."*** Thus, we see and understand: David is asking that God cause him to bear the fruits of the Spirit of God without failure before God. Likewise, it should be the desire of every child of God to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit of God.

Why? Because our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ, has redeemed us from ourselves, and given us a new nature, a nature like His own, that desires only to please God. Thank you, King Jesus, for the salvation, by the grace of God, which you have provided for us. Hallelujah! Amen!