

# Psalm 25

**Psalms 25:1-3** [NIV] *“To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.”*

**This Psalm is a prayer for protection, guidance and pardon.**

Many Psalms speak about enemies, who are those who oppose us but also those who oppose the Creator God’s way of living.

**We can view temptations as enemies, money, success, prestige, lust can be our enemies, the greatest enemy of all is Satan, whose main purpose is to destroy all human beings in any way he can.**

Lies and deception, [**John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 11:14-15; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 12:9-10**].

David is asking God to stop his enemies from overcoming his resistance and willpower, because they opposed what God stands for. If his enemies do succeed, David feared that they would then think that living in obedience and serving God was futile.

**David did not question his own faith, for he knew that God would triumph in the end, but he did not want his enemies’ success to be an obstacle to the faith of others in the Creator God.**

**Psalms 25:4-5** [New King James] *“Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.”*

**This should be our daily prayer for the way that seems right to us is too often the way to pain and failure.**

**Proverbs 12:1, 15** [New King James] *“Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.” ... “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.”*

This lack of personal wisdom is repeated as a warning in Proverbs, [**Proverbs 14:12; Proverbs 15:22; Proverbs 16:25**].

**John 14:6** [New King James] *“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”*

**Jesus Christ introduces Himself as “the way” we should go on in life, following His example.**

**John 15:4-5** [New King James] *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”*

This presence of Jesus Christ in our lives is through the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, [**Romans 8:9**] Who will guide us into all truth and prepare us for our future life, [**John 16:13**].

The Holy Spirit will also bring to remembrance all that we learn of Jesus Christ and God’s way of life, [**John 14:26**].

As a result of this we will experience peace in our lives, [**John 14:27**].

**Psalms 25:6-7** [New King James] *“Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness’ sake, O LORD.”*

**The Psalmist now states the foundation on which his faith in the Creator God stands.**

The historical examples of how the Creator God has dealt with people in the past, the patient mercy and loving kindness.

**King David’s life was an example of this where his weakness led to sin but he knew just how to confess and repent when confronted with his sin, [2 Samuel 12:1-7].**

We see right into the heart and mind of King David when we read and meditate on the Psalm he wrote after being confronted with his sin, [Psalms 51:1-17].

**The Creator God has preserved this Psalm for us to use as a guideline on how we should respond when we are shown our sins by God.**

**Psalms 25:8-10** [New King James] *“Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.”*

**We are bombarded today with relentless appeals to go in various directions. Advertising alone places hundreds of options before us. Add to these appeals of political parties, cults, false religions, numerous other groups seek to motivate us.**

**Also we have dozens of decisions we must make concerning our job, family, money and the society in which we live.**

**To cope with all this remember what the Creator God teaches His perfect way to all those who humbly accept it, as expanded in His Word, the Christian Bible.**

**Psalms 25:11-14** [New King James] *“For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my **iniquity**, for it is great. Who is the man that **fears** the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth. The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.”*

The Hebrew word translated **“iniquity”** is **“âvôn”** meaning perversity, **to do what is wrong knowingly.**

**We can only counter this weakness with a fear of the Creator God.**

The Hebrew word translated **fear** does **not** mean terror, but is **a reverent approach, remembering the authority, power, holiness of the Creator God, as well as His love, mercy and compassion.**

**Never** consider the Creator God as what we call a **“soft touch.”**

The Creator God will make a covenant, agreement, with all who approach Him in this humble way.

The message that Jesus Christ brought from God the Father was the New Covenant that had been foretold by the prophet Jeremiah, [Jeremiah 31:31-34].

This new Covenant was ratified by the blood of the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on the cross, [Luke 22:20; 1 Corinthians 11:25-26; Hebrews 9:22; John 19:34].

**Psalms 25:15-20** [New King James] *“My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have enlarged; bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and my pain,*

*And forgive all my sins. Consider my enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.*"

**God will bring us out of our troubles when we look at Him, but until we confess and repent of our sins, He will not hear our prayers.**

**Isaiah 59:1-2** [New King James] *"Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."*

Because God the Father refuses to look on sin, so until the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us we are cut off from His love, mercy and compassion.

**Among our "enemies" are Satan and our own human nature which we must "crucify" if we have truly repented, giving up our old way of life, [Romans 6:1-13].**

**Psalms 25:21** [New King James] *"Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You."*

Integrity and uprightness are the two powerful forces that keep us along the Creator God's way of life.

The Psalmist is asking for these to protect him step by step.

**Uprightness** – makes us learn God's requirements from the study and meditation on His Word, the Christian Bible, then with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in our lives strive to fulfil them.

**Integrity** – being what we say we are, keeping us from claiming to be an upright Christian, while we know we are not living in harmony with the will of the Creator God for us.

**Psalms 25:22** [New King James] *"Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles!"*

**The personal petition broadens to national and today international** for personal grief should take into its view international grief of a world of humans who mostly do not know the One True Creator God but have been blinded and deceived by Satan our main enemy, [2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 12:9].

The **only** solution to this vast problem of pain, violence and deception, is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, this time as the all-powerful ruler of humanity that He died to save from eternal death.

We read of this time in the revelation that Jesus Christ gave to the apostle John, [Revelation 19:11-21; Revelation 20:1-6; Revelation 20:7-10; Revelation 20:11-13].

This revelation given to us by Jesus Christ through the apostle John, covers the judgement and salvation of every human being who has ever lived.

A time when they will have the chance to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and be judged by God's Word, the Christian Bible, as to whether they can receive the gift of eternal life from the Creator God.

**All of the above lies behind the last verse of this Psalm written by King David, a man who was "after God's own heart," [Acts 13:22].**