

When Times Are Uncertain Part 2

Psalm 25:1-11

Psalm 25:1 UNTO YOU, O Lord, do I bring my life. 2 O my God, I trust, lean on, rely on, and am confident in You. Let me not be put to shame or [my hope in You] be disappointed; let not my enemies triumph over me. 3 Yes, let none who trust and wait hopefully and look for You be put to shame or be disappointed; let them be ashamed who forsake the right or deal treacherously without cause. 4 Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. 5 Guide me in Your truth and faithfulness and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You [You only and altogether] do I wait [expectantly] all the day long. 6 Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercy and loving-kindness; for they have been ever from of old. 7 Remember not the sins (the lapses and frailties) of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your mercy and steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord. 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will He instruct sinners in [His] way. 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way. 10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and steadfast love, even truth and faithfulness are they for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. 11 For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity and my guilt, for [they are] great. AMP

- We have talk shows all giving us what appears to be good advice; but when faced with **divine** difficulties, what we don't need is **amateur** advice. We need HIS divine guidance.
- Psalm 25 is a miniature picture of David's entire life. His holy trust, his many **conflicts**, and his great tribulation. He tells of his need of **repentance** and we see his deep distresses.
- Where was David to go? He turns to God...**continually!!!**
- Abraham Lincoln once said, "I have often been driven to God by the **overwhelming** sense that I had nowhere else to go."
- "Lord, I want your will" can be vague and **valueless** to the person who isn't sure God is listening, or not sure his prayers are getting past the ceiling or thinks that God is sure taking his time in answering this need.
- David comes to a place like any good Baptist that he simply must come to God for **divine guidance**.
- The carnal man, the man without a real relationship or surrender to God, will always be trying to figure his own way out, but he cannot lift his heart in **prayer** anymore than a cow can fly.

David makes three requests as he seeks the face of God:

1. Lord, **protect** me
 - The Christian, the follower of God, has learned to seek God **continually**, and **desperately**.

- The Christian knows who his hope is, God is the truth and the way, and he runs to God **before** the problems of life become overwhelming.
- David could not get himself out of his **trials** or his fears or his circumstances, but the God of heaven could.
- Even if He doesn't, it does not **deter** my faith in who God is.
- David comes to God needing protection from
 - the **tyranny** of man
 - the **trials** of life
 - the **temptations** of the enemy

2. Lord, **pilot** me

- We are not people of vision; we are people of **revelation**.
- We need persistent perseverance.
- David once the independent was now prepared, **chiseled** by trial, to the place of humility to do it God's way.
- Persistent means I don't to go running in my own ability and try it without God.
- Perseverance can keep us from **discouragement** and from quitting when it's hard.

3. Lord, **pardon** Me

- Psalm 51

Final Thought

Ps 25:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way.
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