

Sunday Night Message

May 5, 2013

Psalm 25- Praying In Times of Trouble

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 25

Introduction

This cannot be seen in the English, but in the Hebrew, this Psalm is actually and acrostic with each verse beginning with a letter from the Hebrew alphabet.

This Psalm applies directly to:

David, as he dealt with his troubles. (Saul, Absalom)

Israel as it dealt with troubles in the past, and more importantly as it will deal with the trials of the Tribulation Period. (v 22)

It applies to all of us as we deal with the times of trouble that God allows in our lives.

I David's Petition (and Proclamation) of Dependence (vs. 1 – 7)

David demonstrates his trust (dependence) upon the Lord. When David says in v 1 that he was lifting up his soul to God, what he was saying was that he was putting his soul in God's hands.

A Shew me thy ways

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25)

*"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."
(Psalms 1:1)*

B Teach me thy paths

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalms 16:11)

"Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight." (Psalms 119:35)

"Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established."
(Proverbs 4:26)

"The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just." (Isaiah 26:7)

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalms 119:105)

C Lead me in thy truth

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17)

Remember thy tender mercies, and loving-kindnesses

Forget my sins

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalms 103:12)

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." (Hebrews 8:10-12)

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." (Isaiah 1:18-20)

II David's Praise for God's Direction (vs. 8 - 15)

David praises the Lord for directing those that fear Him (trust, depend)

1 The Lord will teach sinners in the way. (v 8)

2 The Lord will teach the meek His way. (v 9)

Here the word meek means lowly, or humble.

3 The Lord will teach those that fear Him. (v 12; 14)

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." (Psalms 50:23)

III David's Prayer for Deliverance (vs. 16 - 22)

David asks God for three things in this section:

1 God's deliverance

2 God's forgiveness (v 18)

3 Help in Perseverance (v 19)