

TRUSTING GOD

PSALM 25

Fellowship 
CHURCH

*“We see the heart behind the man
after God’s own heart.”*

Charles Spurgeon

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PSALM 25:1-3

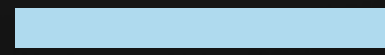
SURRENDER

acknowledge that God is good, He is in control and His ways are best

SUBMIT

willingly think, feel, and act like you've surrendered to God

TRUST



to have confidence in, be secure, feel safe

Trusting God is more about changing
our perspective than changing our
circumstances.

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2. Desire for Guidance (v. 4-5)

*4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.*

PSALM 25:6-7

TRUST REQUIRES...

1. Us to be teachable – *“teach me YOUR paths”*

(v. 4)

2. Humility – *“lead me, for YOU are”* (v. 5)

HUMILITY DOESN'T SHOW

WEAKNESS

IT SHOWS

STRENGTH

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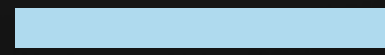
PSALM 25:4-5

3. Desire for Forgiveness (v. 6-7)

6 Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

PSALM 25:6-7

REMEMBER



*call to mind, be reminded of, attend to,
focus on.*

What does David want God to focus on?

- His own mercy and steadfast love

What does David want God to NOT focus on?

- The sins of his youth

*“In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to
the riches of his grace,”*

EPHESIANS 1:9

As he looks at himself compared to
God, David's response is none other
than **repentance.**

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes...

-Jeremiah 17:7-8a

“Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.”

-James 4:17

4. Praise for God's Goodness and Mercy (v. 8-11)

8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. 10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. 11 For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

PSALM 25:8-11

“Good and upright is the Lord;” (v. 8)

- Both God’s nature and ways are true!
- Because God is good and just, he teaches and corrects us
- *“For the Lord disciplines those he loves,”* -Heb. 12:6

“He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way” (v. 9)

- God leads the humble to what is right, what we should do...“HIS WAY!”
- How many of his paths are right? *“ALL THE PATHS”* (v. 10)

*“Now the law came in to increase the trespass,
but where sin increased, grace abounded all the
more.”*

ROMANS 5:20

5. Confidence in God's Friendship (v. 12-15)

Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. 13 His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. 14 The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. 15 My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

PSALM 25:12-15

“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”

JOHN 15:15

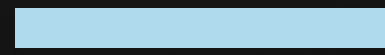
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Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. 18 Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. 19 Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. 20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM 25:16-22

DAVID ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS
GREATEST PROBLEM WASN'T HIS
ENEMIES, IT WAS HIS SIN.

REFUGE



*Flee for protection, to put trust in,
confide in, hope in*

“Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

1 PETER 5:8

DON'T ALLOW SUFFERING TO BE WHAT
ISOLATES YOU, LET IT BE WHAT
UNITES YOU WITH OTHERS.

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6. To trust God is to focus our perspective on Him, not our circumstances.

“God’s plan and His ways of working out His plan are frequently beyond our ability to fathom and understand. We must learn to trust when we don’t understand.”

Jerry Bridges

“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

PSALM 121:1-2