

Reflection Questions

Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

What does it look like to fear the Lord?

Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

What does it look like to wait on the Lord?

Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

What is one way for parents to point our children to the Lord?

Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):

Why does David include Israel in the last verse?

Calvary Baptist Church

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Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Song #197 ~ The Power of the Cross

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:1-20

Song #218 ~ All I Have is Christ

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Prayer

Sermon ~ Psalms 25:1-22

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #225 ~ The Blood of Jesus Speaks for Me

Psalm 24:8

Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.

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Text: Psalm 25:1-22

Theme: You are the God of my salvation.

Introduction: Do you struggle to pray? David, in Psalm 25, invites the reader into his prayer closet (cf. “I lift up my soul”). David’s prayer mimics some of the same struggles we face. In times of uncertainty, he asks for wisdom or counsel from the Lord (4, 14; i.e. the “secret of the Lord” can be translated as “secret counsel of the Lord”).

I. You are the God of my salvation (1-22; cf. 5, 22).

A. Therefore, I will not be ashamed (1-3).

1. No one who waits on the Lord will be ashamed (3).

Explanation: King Saul had an opportunity to wait on the Lord while the prophet Samuel was coming (1 Sam. 13:8-15). But because the soldiers were scattering (cf. 1 Sam. 13:8), he decided to offer the burnt offering.

B. You have always been faithful to Your promises (4-11).

1. Instead of trusting in our own wisdom, let us be taught by Him (4-5).

Application: In order for us to learn His ways, we often need to wait on Him (5). Often God uses the trials in our life to teach us patience/endurance (cf. Jam. 1:3-4).

2. Instead of remembering my sins (7), remember Your covenantal love (6).

Explanation: How can God be good and upright (8; cf. Rom. 3:26), yet not remember our sins? No one can comply with His covenant (10), yet He forgives sins (11; cf. 51:1). God accomplishes salvation through Christ. Christ took our sin in His own body on the cross so that we would be righteous before God (2 Cor. 5:21).

C. Therefore, I will fear You (12-15).

1. God instructs those who fear the Lord (12, 14).

Explanation: But what does it mean to fear the Lord? In Exodus 9:18, Moses warned Pharaoh that God would send a massive hail storm. Any person or livestock that was in the field would certainly die (Exod. 9:19). So some of the servants of Pharaoh who feared the Lord brought their livestock and servants into their house (Exod. 9:20).

2. Those who fear the Lord are blessed (13).

Explanation: As parents, the single greatest influence we can have on our children is to fear the Lord. In the 10 commandments, God warned Israel that when they worshipped other gods, God would punish the children for 3 or 4 generations (Exod. 20:5). But for those who love the Lord, He would show favor to a thousand generations (Exod. 20:6).

3. Those who fear the Lord are saved from the net (15).

Explanation: The net may refer to sin (cf. 18) or the net placed by enemies (cf. 19).

D. He brings salvation (16-22).

1. He brings salvation by forgiving us from all our sins (18).

Explanation: David clings to God’s grace (16). David’s sin only brought loneliness and misery (16-18).

2. He brings salvation by delivering us from our enemies (19).

Explanation: All those who live godly in Christ will suffer persecution (2 Tim. 3:12).

Conclusion: In a stunning twist, David points out that God is the Redeemer of Israel (22). The first 21 verses of this Psalm refer to David individually. So why does switch to include all Israel? David’s prayer is not for his alone. Everyone who clings to the Lord for salvation will find comfort in this Psalm.