

An Alphabet of Entreaty and Trust: Psalm 25

<p style="text-align: right;">1 לְדָוִד</p> <p>אֲלֵיךָ יְהוָה נִפְשִׁי אֶשָּׂא :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 אֱלֹהֵי בְּךָ בִטְחֹתִי</p> <p style="text-align: center;">אל-אבושה</p> <p>אל-יעלצו איבני לי :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3 גם כָּל-קְנִיךָ לֹא יִבָּשׁוּ</p> <p>יִבָּשׁוּ הַבּוֹגְדִים רִיקָם :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 דְרָכֶיךָ יְהוָה הוֹדִיעֵנִי</p> <p>אֲרַחֲתֶיךָ לְמַדְנִי :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 הַדְרִיכֵנִי בְאֱמֹתֶךָ וּלְמַדְנִי</p> <p>כִּי-אַתָּה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׁעֵי</p> <p>אוֹתְךָ קִוִּיתִי כָּל-הַיּוֹם :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6 זְכַר-רַחֲמֶיךָ יְהוָה</p> <p>וּחֶסֶדְךָ כִּי מֵעוֹלָם הֵמָּה :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7 חַטָּאוֹת נְעוּרָי</p> <p>וּפְשָׁעֵי אֶל-תִּזְכֹּר</p> <p>כַּחֲסִדְךָ זְכַר-לִי אַתָּה</p> <p>לְמַעַן טוֹבֶךָ יְהוָה :</p>	<p>1 By David.</p> <p>To you, I AM, I lift up my soul.</p> <p>2 O my God, in you I trust;</p> <p>do not let me be put to shame;</p> <p>nor let my enemies exult over me.</p> <p>3 Indeed, none who wait for you will ever be put to shame;</p> <p>they shall be ashamed who are treacherous w/o cause.</p> <p>4 Your ways I AM make known to me;</p> <p>your paths teach me .</p> <p>5 Lead her in your truth and teach me,</p> <p>for you are the God of my salvation;</p> <p>for you I wait all the day long.</p> <p>6 Remember your compassion, I AM,</p> <p>and your loyal-love, for they have been from of old.</p> <p>7 The sins of my youth</p> <p>and my transgressions do not remember!</p> <p>According to your loyal-love [you] remember me,</p> <p>for the sake of your goodness, I AM!</p>	<p>A Petitions to God 1-7</p> <p>1. Petition in total trust and confidence</p> <p>a. David's trust in God alone to rescue</p> <p>b. The terrifying situation</p> <p>c. David's confidence in God's faithfulness</p> <p>2. God is faithful to teach and guide</p> <p>3. Plea for God to relate to him according to his compassion and loyal-love</p>
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Psalm 25:8-15

<p>8 טוֹב-וְיָשָׁר יְהוָה</p> <p>עַל-כֵּן יוֹרָה תַּטְּאִים בְּדַרְכֶּךָ :</p> <p>9 וַיְדַרְךָ עֲנוּיִם בְּמִשְׁפָּט</p> <p>וַיְלַמֵּךְ עֲנוּיִם דְּרָכּוֹ :</p> <p>10 כָּל-אַרְחֹת יְהוָה תִּסְדֵּר וְאֱמֶת</p> <p>לְנִצְחֵי כְּבִרְתּוֹ וְעֵדוּתָיו :</p> <p>11 לְמַעַן-שְׁמֹךְ יְהוָה</p> <p>וְסַלַּחְתָּ לְעֹנֵי כִּי רַב-הוּא :</p> <p>12 מִיֵּנָה הָאִישׁ יִרָא יְהוָה</p> <p>יִוְלְנוּ בְּדַרְכֶּךָ יִבְחָר :</p> <p>13 נַפְשׁוֹ בְּטוֹב תִּלְוֵן</p> <p>וְזָרְעוֹ יִירֶשׁ אֲרָץ :</p> <p>14 סֹד־יְהוָה לִירְאָיו</p> <p>וּבְכִרְתּוֹ לְהוֹדִיעֵם :</p> <p>15 עֵינַי תָּמִיד אֶל-יְהוָה</p> <p>כִּי הוּא-יּוֹצֵא מִרְשֶׁת רַגְלִי :</p>	<p>8 Good and upright is I AM;</p> <p>therefore he instructs sinners in the way.</p> <p>9 He leads (<i>derek</i>) the humble in what is right,</p> <p>and teaches the humble his way.</p> <p>10 All the paths of I AM are loyal-love and faithfulness,</p> <p>for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.</p> <p>11 For the sake of your name, I AM,</p> <p>forgive my iniquity, for it is great!</p> <p>12 Who is this individual who fears I AM?</p> <p>He will instruct him in the way that he should choose.</p> <p>13 His soul shall abide in well-being,</p> <p>and his offspring shall inherit the land.</p> <p>14 The secret council of I AM is for those who fear him,</p> <p>and he makes known to them his covenant.</p> <p>15 My eyes are ever toward I AM,</p> <p>for he will pluck my feet out of the net. (see v. 17)</p>	<p>B God's faithfulness as our guide 8-10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The start of journey: faithful to instruct (note: acknowledging we are <i>sinners</i> makes us <i>humble</i>, which qualifies us to have God as our guide) During the journey: faithful to guide us by the hand After the journey: every path was true and secured in loyal-love <p>X Center: Plea for forgiveness from iniquity "iniquity" is the twisted wreckage of relationships left in the wake of our sins</p> <p>B' God's faithfulness as our guide 12-15</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Respecting I AM leads to making right choices Respecting I AM leads to internal health and and legacy that is eternal and being drawn into the inner circle of God's confidants (see notes) and being rescued from being entangled in a web of deceit
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Psalm 25:16-22

<p>16 פִּנְהֵ-אֱלֹהִים וְחַנּוּנִי כִּי-יָחִיד וְעָנִי אָנִי : 17 צָרוֹת לִבִּי הִרְחִיבוּ מִמְצוּקוֹתַי הוֹצִיאֵנִי : 18 רֵאֵה עֲנִי וְעַמְלִי וְשָׂא לְכָל-חַטָּאוֹתַי : 19 רֵאֵה-אוֹיְבֵי כִי-רָבוּ וְשִׂנְאֵת חָמָס שִׂנְאוּנִי : 20 שְׁמֹרָה נַפְשִׁי וְהַצִּילֵנִי אֶל-אֲבוֹשׁ כִּי-חָסִיתִי בְךָ : 21 תָּם-וְיָשָׁר יִצְרוּנִי כִּי קוֹיִתִּיךָ : 22 בְּרַח אֱלֹהִים אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל מִכָּל צָרוֹתָיו :</p>	<p>16 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 all my distresses. 18 Look upon my affliction and her trouble, and forgive all my sins. 19 Look upon my foes, how they have increased, and with what violent hatred they hate me. 20 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 waits for you. 22 Redeem O God Israel out of all their troubles!</p>	<p>A' Petitions to God for Deliverance 16-22 1 Draw near a the plea – turn to David with grace b the motive – he is utterly alone & isolated b' the motive – his internal pain is unbearable a' the plea – draw him out of his distresses 2 Forgive my sins a the plea – examine the extent of David's internal pain and cleanse his soul of all guilt b the motive – the intensity of the enemies' hatred and slander toward David, because he is God chosen son ("king"). 3 Save and shield your king a the pleas: 1. save and shield me from shame 2. preserve me with your upright character b the motive: David takes refuge in you, ie. he is waiting expectantly for I AM alone for deliverance and healing 4 Make David's deliverance an example of God's loyal-love and faithfulness to all of God's sons and daughter who are afflicted</p>
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1. The **acrostic** helps us enter into prayer...just do it, to shape the soul in prayer regardless of feelings.
2. It is **short**, most prayers of the Bible are short. We don't need lengthy prayers, but ones that are thoughtful and grounded in God's loyal-love and faithfulness.
3. **Three things drive David to pray** in this Psalm
 - a. his need for guidance not only to be taught what to do, but a guide to actually walk with him and guide him up the mountain
 - b. pressure from the enemy which has left him isolated and alone diminishing his identity with shame
 - c. burden of guilt and shame from his "adult" transgressions – "**iniquity**" is the twisted wreckage of relationships left in the wake of our sins
4. The **tone** is subdued, David expresses his trust with patient **waiting**. Though the Hebrew *qavah* expresses a tenseness, "the trust is eager, waiting in hope rather than in resignation." (Kidner) This is the difference between Saul and David, and Isaiah and Israel.

5. secret council - סוד *sôd* secret, confidential conversation; circle of confidants – used of assemblies of people who are somehow closely related; thus it refers to the narrow circle of people who meet (Psa 55:15; Job 19:19; "circle of confidants") and the decisions they reach as a result of confidential discussion. *Sôd* also refers to Yahweh's heavenly "council" and his divine "decision/plan/secret" and in this verse it refers to the invitation to God's "circle of confidants" for those who fear him. The second line amplifies its meaning to "makes known to them his covenant." Note Jesus' words to the disciples: "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).

Outline

- A Prayer for deliverance and guidance with confidence (vv. 1-7)
 - B Teaching others of God's faithfulness as our guide (vv. 8-10)
 - X Prayer for forgiveness of his **iniquity** (v. 11)
 - B' Teaching others of God's faithfulness as our guide (vv. 12-14)
- A' Prayer for deliverance and preservation with a new heart (vv. 15-22)