

“Lead Me in Your Truth and Teach Me”

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Introduction:

- A. Psalm 25; Focusing on the Faith: How David Found the Faith to Face his Foes
 - 1. David's problems: he pleads to God in earnest prayer
 - a. For God's forgiveness of his sins - Psalm 25:6-7, 11, 18 (David's first problem)
 - b. For God's deliverance from his enemies - Psalm 25:2-3, 20
 - c. For God's protection from other troubles to himself and Israel Psalm 25:22
 - 2. David's preference: he asks the Lord for the answers and instructions Psalm 25:4-5
 - a. Show me: Set the example for me to follow.
 - b. Teach me: Give me instruction that I may obtain knowledge.
 - c. Lead me: Go before me and show me the way.
 - 3. David's part: to be completely guided by the Lord's way - Psalm 25:4-5
 - a. God's ways (not the ways of David or other men) - Jer. 6:16
 - b. God's paths (not sin, but righteousness) - Titus 2:11-12
 - c. God's truth (not human reasoning) - John 17:17; Jer. 10:23
 - 4. David's perseverance: he would exercise patient faith and wait on the Lord to bring these things about - Psalm 25:3, 2
- B. Focusing on the faith and letting Christ guide our lives will bring us forgiveness, deliverance and protection if we persevere in faith
 - 1. John 6:44-45; Matt. 11:28-29; Heb. 11:33-34

I. IN ORDER TO LEARN FROM CHRIST TO LIVE BY FAITH

- A. We must acknowledge our sins - Psalm 25:6-8, 11
 - 1. That is our real, first, and primary problem; until we get that and address it, we will never fruitfully resolve any other problem we have
 - 2. The desolation our sin generates - Psalm 25:16, 18, 32:3-4
- B. We must be humble - Psalm 25:9; Matt. 11:25; Luke 15:18-19
 - 1. Pride keeps us from living in the truth - Matt. 5:3, 5; Psalm 34:18
- C. We must be obedient to God's Will - Psalm 25:10; Matt. 7:21
- D. We must be reverent before God - Psalm 25:12-14
 - 1. Those who reverence and fear God have nothing else and no one else to fear - Acts 10:34-35
- E. We must trust in God - Psalm 25:15
 - 1. Have faith in God, not in ourselves - 1Cor. 1:20; Rom. 12:16
 - 2. Wait patiently for God's will to be accomplished - Heb. 6:12

II. LORD, TEACH ME TO WAIT ON YOU

- A. Begin by praying for this every day
 - 1. To have courage and patient endurance - Psalm 27:14
- B. God's solutions to opposition will always and inevitably win, over:
 - 1. Misrepresentation - Matt. 5:11-12

2. Disingenuous brethren - Gal. 2:4-5; Acts 20:29-32
 3. Erring teachers - 1John 4:1, 6
 4. Weak and worldly brethren who rebel against the authority of scripture - Jude 4
- C. Trust that God's way is right, and then wait for Him to be vindicated
1. Psalm 25:19-20, 37:1-3, 73:1-3, 25-26, 28
 2. Do not be ashamed or discouraged; we will rejoice one day, in God's time - 1Peter 4:13, 16
 3. God will right every wrong, in His time - 2Thes. 1:4-7; Gal. 6:7-8

Conclusion:

- A. Show me Your ways; Jesus did that - 1Peter 2:21; 1Cor. 11:1
- B. Teach me Your paths; Jesus does that - Matt. 28:18-20, 7:13-14
- C. Lead me in Your truth; Jesus does that - John 10:14, 27-29
- D. David's prayer was answered by God because he trusted in the Lord and lived by patient faith - Psalm 25:2, 10
- E. Live by patient faith and God will answer us when we plead for His forgiveness, deliverance, and protection.