Psalm 25

"David's Request for Preservation Based on the Goodness of Yahweh"


A Psalm of David.

A1 DAVID'S PRAYER FOR PROTECTION, GUIDANCE, AND LOYAL LOVE 25:1-7

B1 His Appeal to Yahweh for Protection from Shame 25:1-3

C1 The Object of His Appeal: {1} To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. 25:1

C2 His Concern about Shame: His request that he might be spared shame from his enemies 25:2

D1 His Expression of Trust: {2} O my God, in You I trust,

D2 His Request to be Spared Shame: Do not let me be ashamed;

D3 His Request to be Spared Defeat: Do not let my enemies exult over me.

C3 His Confidence about Shame 25:3

D1 Regarding Those Who Wait for Yahweh: {3} Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed;

D2 Regarding The Treacherous: Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

B2 His Appeal to Yahweh for Instruction and Guidance Resulting in Salvation 25:4-5

C1 Instruction: {4} Make me know Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

C2 Guidance: {5} Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

---

1 Psalm 25:2 - ashamed: The emphasis is the author’s here, and throughout. Bold-face font in the Scripture text illustrates the thematic development of that section.
B3  His Request for Yahweh's Loyal Love Resulting in Forgiveness  25:6-7

C1  To Remember His Compassionate Loyal Love: 6 Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your **lovingkindnesses**, 2 For they have been from of old.

C2  Not to Remember His Sins: 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C3  But to Remember Him, Based on His Loyal Love and Goodness

D1  According to Your **lovingkindness** remember me,

D2  For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

A2  DAVID'S PRAISING OF THE GOODNESS OF YAHWEH  25:8-11

B1  The Statement of His Goodness: 8 Good and upright is the LORD; 25:8a

B2  The Evidences of His Goodness among Men  25:8b-10

C1  Toward Sinners: Therefore He instructs sinners in the way. 25:8b

C2  Toward the Humble  25:9

D1  9 He leads the humble in justice,

D2  And He teaches the humble His way.

C3  Toward Those Who Keep His Word  25:10

D1  The orientation of His loyal love and truth: 10 All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth

D2  The objects of His loyal love and truth: To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

B3  David's Prayer for Forgiveness Based on Yahweh's Good Name  25:11

C1  The Basis of His Request: 11 For Your name's sake, O LORD,

C2  The Content of His Request: Pardon my iniquity,

C3  The Reason for His Request: for it is great.

---

A3  DAVID'S LISTING OF THE BENEFITS TO THE MAN WHO FEARS YAHWEH 25:12-15

B1  Instruction:  {12}  Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.

B2  Prosperity:  {13}  His soul will abide in prosperity, And his descendants will inherit the land.

B3  Revelation:  {14}  The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant.

B4  Salvation:  {15}  My eyes are continually toward the LORD, For He will pluck my feet out of the net.

A4  DAVID'S PLAINTIVE PRAYER FOR HELP  25:16-22

B1  For Himself  2:16-21

C1  For Gracious Fellowship Because He Is Lonely:  {16}  Turn to me and be gracious to me, For I am lonely and afflicted.

C2  For Deliverance Because He Is Troubled:  {17}  The troubles of my heart are enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses.

C3  For Sympathy and Forgiveness:  {18}  Look upon my affliction and my trouble, And forgive all my sins.

C4  For Cognizance of His Numerous Malevolent Enemies:  {19}  Look upon my enemies, for they are many, And they hate me with violent hatred.

C5  For Protection and Deliverance:  {20}  Guard my soul and deliver me; Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in You.

C6  For Preservation through Integrity and Uprightness:  {21}  Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.

B2  For Israel:  {22}  Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all his troubles.