

Psalm 25:1-7

- 1 To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 3 Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.
- 4 Show me 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; On You I wait all the day.
- 6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

***An Alphabet Psalm of Deliverance, Part 1***  
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INTRO:

**Psalm 25** is a Psalm of David, but it stands out in the Psalter because it is the first of the alphabet psalms in which each verse begins with a subsequent letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This makes it a little difficult to carve into blocks of thought. Still, we can discern David's overall point in this Psalm. Yahweh will lead, forgive, and deliver David.

***I. David's Petitions (v. 1-7)***

***II. David's Confidence (v. 8-15)***

***III. David's Second Group of Petitions (v. 16-22)***

***I. David's Petitions (v. 1-7)***

**Psalm 25:1-3 (NASB)**    ***“To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust, Do not let me be ashamed; Do not let my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed; Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.”***

A. David's request is tucked in the midst of two statements of his great assurance.

**Verse 1-2a** is David's pledge of allegiance and devotion to Yahweh. He wrote:  
***“To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.”***

Because of the format of following the alphabet, we cannot say this is parallelism as such. Still, David wants Yahweh to have all of him and to hear his pledge of trust in God. Here is assurance.

1. **Verse 3** also is assurance.

***“Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed; Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.”***

I quoted this from the NASB because the NKJV seems unclear. I checked many other versions and Hebrew scholars whom I trust and I discovered they all believe it should read as the NASB translated it. It is an absolute certainty that our faithful Yahweh will not allow us who trust in Him and His Word to end up in judgment.

2. Tucked in between the assurance and confidence in God, we find David’s plea. He cries to God, ***“Please vindicate me.”***

***“Do not let me be ashamed; Do not let my enemies exult over me.”***

Can someone who knows the LORD be confident and anxious at the same time? Although it may seem unusual, it is most often the case when we pray. We pray knowing that Our Father already knows what we need to ask. Yet, we pray not just because He commands us to pray, but because we want to see Him work.

**Psalm 25:4-7** ***“Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your [steadfast love] remember me, For Your goodness’ sake, O LORD.”***

B. The second cluster of requests involve leading and forgiveness. **Verse 4** and **5** are a request for God’s leading.

***“Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.”***

1. We like to come up with formula to teach us how our God leads. God leads through His Word and through His providence.

2. Far too often, we demand special leading from God while at the same time we do not obey what God already told us was His will in His Word. In fact, we are sometimes like the leaders of Judah we find in the book of Jeremiah. They told Jeremiah to seek the LORD and they would do what God told them to do. Then they refused to obey when the LORD did not rubber stamp their own will. Let us leave this discussion with two verses.

**Romans 12:1-2** ***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed***

***by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”***

***C. “Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. DO NOT REMEMBER THE SINS OF MY YOUTH, nor my transgressions; According to Your [steadfast love] remember me, For Your goodness’ sake, O LORD” (PSALM 25:6-7).***

Two things David wants God to remember. One thing he asked the LORD to forget.

1. David wanted God to remember his tender mercies and loving kindness. He realized without God’s grace we cannot exist. Second, David pleaded that according to God’s steadfast love He would remember David.

2. In the midst of these two requests, we find another.

***“Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.”***

We thank God often for remembering His kindness toward us. Do we stop and think of the wonder of His forgetfulness? Remember this truth which is stated in three places in the Bible.

**Hebrews 10:16–17** ***“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,’ then He adds, ‘Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”***

He forgets our sins and iniquities because our Savior washed them away in His blood.

***What do we learn from this?***

1. WE NEED TO TALK WITH THE LORD WHEN WE QUESTION OUR FAITH. David recited his great assurance in God and the fact that God would not let those who trusted in Him be ashamed. In between he made his request that he be vindicated. At the same time he had anxiety because he had not yet been vindicated.

2. DAVID ALSO RECOGNIZED HIS NEED OF DIRECTION DAVID ALSO RECOGNIZED HIS NEED OF DIRECTION. God does lead His people. He leads through His revelation. He tells us what we are to be and do in His Word. On top of that He leads in His providence and sometimes He gives personal direction.

3. THIRD, DAVID RECOGNIZED HE NEEDED TO THANK GOD FOR HIS REMEMBERING HIS STEADFAST LOVE AND TENDER MERCIES. God’s grace is for a lifetime. While David wanted God to remember His grace, he desired God to forget his youthful sins. The Lord could do this because Jesus paid for them at Calvary. Are we thankful for the things God remembers? Are we equally thankful for the sins He forgets?