



# TALKING WITH GOD

USING THE PSALMS FOR PRAYER

# Psalm 25

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know 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;  
for you I wait all the day long.

6 Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

8 Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For your name's sake, O Lord,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

12 Who is the man who fears the Lord?

Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

13 His soul shall abide in well-being,  
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

14 The friendship[b] of the Lord is for those who fear him,  
and he makes known to them his covenant.

15 My eyes are ever toward the Lord,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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 my distresses.

18 Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

20 Oh, 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 wait for you.

22 Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all his troubles.

# 1. Why pray for guidance?

a. David's situation



**HOW TO TALK TO GOD**



# 1. Why pray for guidance?

a. David's situation

b. Your situation



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- a. David's situation
- b. Your situation
- c. Wisdom for decisions



# Proverbs 3: 13-18

- 13 Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,  
and the one who gets understanding,  
14 for the gain from her is better than gain from silver  
and her profit better than gold.  
15 She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.  
16 Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.  
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called blessed.

# Luke 9:23

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

# 1. Why pray for guidance?

- a. David's situation
- b. Your situation
- c. Wisdom for decisions
- d. Asking God for guidance honors Him



## 2. How to pray for guidance

a. Ask God to lead and teach



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- a. Ask God to lead and teach
- b. Wait



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- a. Ask God to lead and teach
- b. Wait
- c. Walk with Him





# Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

## 2. How to pray for guidance

- a. Ask God to lead and teach
- b. Wait
- c. Walk with Him
- d. Ask God to forgive



Luke 7:47

He who is forgiven little loves little.

## 2. How to pray for guidance

a. Ask God to lead and teach

b. Wait

c. Walk with Him

d. Ask God to forgive

e. Trust



### 3. Assurance of God's guidance

a. Jesus had been there



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- b. God of my salvation



# Matthew 7:7-11

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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- c. God's character





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- d. God's promises in this Psalm
- e. God's promises elsewhere



# James 1:5-7

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

### 3. A portrait of the person of faith

