



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Psalm 25:1-22 (NAS)

Topic: "A Prayer to Our Covenant Keeping God"

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- 1 To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in You I trust, Do not let me be ashamed; Do not let my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed; Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.
- 4 Make me 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.
- 6 Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses, For they have been from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; According to Your lovingkindness remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in justice, And He teaches the humble His way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- 11 For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.
- 12 Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.
- 13 His soul will abide in prosperity, And his descendants will inherit the land.
- 14 The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant.
- 15 My eyes are continually 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 Look upon my affliction and my trouble, And forgive all my sins.
- 19 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, And they hate me with violent hatred.
- 20 Guard my soul and deliver me; Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in You.
- 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all his troubles.

### **I. PRAYER, THAT LOFTY PRIVILEGE**

- A. Free Access *Esther 4:11*
- B. It Is The Work Of The Soul
- C. It Is Often Neglected

### **II. FAITH'S APPROACH TO PRAYER**

- A. Faith Emboldens *James 1:5-7*
- B. The Argument From The Greater To The Lesser *Romans 8:31-32*

### **III. A PLEA FOR FORGIVENESS**

- A. Does God Forget? *Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 10:15*
- B. We Are Seen In Christ's Righteousness
- C. He Leads Us
- D. For His Name Sake *Psalm 51:4*
- E. The Weightiness Of Sin

### **IV. THE FEAR OF THE LORD**

- A. An Awe Of God's Holiness And Justice
- B. It Comes With A Teachable Spirit *Proverbs 9:10; 8:13*
- C. Wisdom Accompanied With Blessing *1 Kings 3:5-11*

### **V. THE STRUGGLES OF THE BELIEVER**

- A. It Was The Best Of Times, It Was The Worst Of Times
- B. God's Presence Throughout
- C. He Will Lift Us Out Of All Trouble