

David's Soul (Psalm 25)

In the Psalms we get to see into David's soul as he seeks God. Psalm 25 has a direct message to leaders as David repeatedly asks God for guidance. He depends on God though threatened by enemies outside and sin and weakness inside. This psalm is a model prayer for leaders.

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I. Formal shape of the Psalm

A. Connections with preceding and following psalms

B. Alphabetic psalm

1. Missing two letters of 'wait' (QW) and with doubled 'see' (R, verses 18–19)
2. 'Redeem' (P) added at end, like Psalm 34
3. 'Middle' is verse 11
4. Psalms flow

II. David to God (verses 1–7)

A. Concern about my reputation (verses 2–3)

B. Teach and lead me (verses 4–5)

C. Forgive me (verses 6–7), because you're good

III. David about God (verses 8–10)

A. God guides sinners (verse 8)

B. God guides the humble and faithful (verses 9–10)

IV. David to God (verse 11)

- A. Central plea: forgive my great sin for your reputation

V. David about God (verses 12–15)

- A. Fear of God connects to guidance and blessing

- B. Both secret or friendship (verse 14)

VI. David to God (verses 16–22)

- A. I'm lonely (verse 16)

- B. I'm troubled (verse 17)

- C. I'm sinful (verse 18)

- D. I'm surrounded (verse 19)

- E. I'm at risk (verses 20)

- F. I'm waiting (verse 21)

- G. Rescue us

VII. Lessons about Christ