



“Make Me to Know Your Ways, O Lord”

Psalm 25:1-15

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- “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 loving kindnesses, 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.”

Psalm 25:8-15

- “Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. 9 The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as 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 that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. 13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth. 14 The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant. 15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.”

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- Acts 13:22 - “And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.”
- Psalm 25:7 - “Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.”
- Psalm 25:4-5 - “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.”

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- Prov. 14:12 - “There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.”
- Jer. 10:23 - “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”
- Matt. 7:21-23 - “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

Do We Really Want To Know God's Ways?

- Am I more willing to listen than to talk?
- Am I willing to admit when I am mistaken?
- Do I observe before acting on a situation?
- Am I willing to agree to disagree?
- Do I desire information more than answers?
- Am I humble enough to ask questions?

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- Am I open to suggestions and new ideas?
- Do I feel comfortable asking for advice or directions?
- Am I a patient and willing student?
- Do I enjoy reading for information that is both practical and applicable?
- Do I seek out new perspectives on the questions of life?
- Can I appreciate criticism without becoming deeply wounded?

Do We Really Want To Know God's Ways?

- Those who would be taught, must thirst for the word of God.
 - Matt. 5:6 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”
 - 1Peter 2:2 - “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby”

Do We Really Want To Know God's Ways?

- Psalm 119:97, 127, 148 - "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day... 127 Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold! ... 148 My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word."

Some Have Truly Wanted To Know God's Word

- There was a time when men were willing to give their lives for the word.

Today, Few Seem To Want To Know God's Ways

- Humankind seems to have lost the thirst for living water
 - John 4:13-14 - “Jesus answered and said to her, Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

Today, Few Seem To Want To Know God's Ways

- Barna Institute study of self-described Christians:
 - Only 15% of self-described “Christians” read the Bible daily.
 - Only 32% said they only read it 2 or 3 times weekly.
 - 43% admitted they do not read it at all.

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- The scriptures urge us to fill ourselves with the word of God.
 - Col. 3:16 - “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...”
 - Rom. 10:17 - “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

God Uses Many Ways To Teach His Ways

- God's Word is His primary teaching tool
 - 2Tim. 3:15-17 - "And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."
 - Rom 15:14 - "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

God Uses Many Ways To Teach His Ways

- God teaches us through Providence.

God Uses Many Ways To Teach His Ways

- God's creation teaches of His ways
 - Psalm 19:1-4 - “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun”
 - Rom. 1:20 - “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse”

God Uses Many Ways To Teach His Ways

- God's design of our bodies teaches us of His ways
 - Psalm 139:14 - "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well."

God Uses Many Ways To Teach His Ways

- Our spirit must be that of David's
 - Psalm 119:148 - “My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word.”