

Lament Dependence

Psalms of David · Book I · Alphabet Psalms

“Of David”

IN ONE SENTENCE



David lifts up his soul, waits for God, and asks him to forgive his sins, teach him, and guide him.

Remember it: Psalm Twenty-Five: lift your soul, wait on God, and walk his path.

MEMORY VERSE

Make known to me Your ways, O Yahweh
Teach me Your paths

Psalm 25:4 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

קוֹיֵךְ

“those waiting for you” · verse 3

In the Psalms: seventeen times, in 10 psalms

קוֹיֵךְ, “those who wait for you,” comes from a verb meaning to wait with hope, to look eagerly for. A related noun for “hope” can also mean a cord, the same word used for Rahab’s scarlet cord. Waiting on God is hope stretched tight toward him. This psalm is also an alphabetic poem.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1–3** David lifts his soul to God and trusts not to be shamed.
- 4–7** He asks God to teach him and forget youthful sins.
- 8–15** The good LORD guides the humble and befriends those who fear him.
- 16–22** Lonely and troubled, he asks for rescue and forgiveness.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 25 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/25.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Forgiveness & Repentance

Waiting on God

FILL IN THE BLANKS

David lifts up his _____, waits for God, and asks him to _____ his sins, teach him, and _____ him.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does David ask God not to remember?

- ☐ (A) His good works
☐ (C) His enemies' names

- ☐ (B) The sins of his youth
☐ (D) His promises

2. Whom does God guide in justice and teach his way?

- ☐ (A) The humble
☐ (C) The wealthy

- ☐ (B) The proud
☐ (D) The mighty

3. From what will God pluck David's feet?

- ☐ (A) The mud
☐ (C) The net

- ☐ (B) The fire
☐ (D) The river

TALK IT OVER

1. Find three requests David makes about learning God's ways.

2. Why does David ask for pardon "for your name's sake" (v. 11)?

3. What does waiting on God look like in your daily life right now?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 25 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
☐ I can say verse 4 by heart

- ☐ I can say what it teaches
☐ I know the picture word