

## Psalm 25 - He Who Hears From God

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### Psalm 25:1-14 ESV

1 Of David. 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!**

### Romans 3:9-18 ESV

9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,

10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

13 "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips."

14 "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 in their paths are ruin and misery,

17 and the way of peace they have not known."

18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

### Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ -- by grace you have been saved.

### Psalm 25:1-14 ESV

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore **he instructs sinners in the way.** [Repentant]

9 **He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.** [Humility]

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.** [Repentant]

12 **Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.** [Fear of the Lord]

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

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

### 3 Must-Have Qualities to Hear God's Voice

- **Repentant** - distrust of fleshly ambition and desires, enabling us to hear His voice free from lust, self-will and idols
- **Humility** - distrust of personal, fleshly and worldly wisdom and ability, enabling us to trust His voice more than we trust ourselves, the arm of the flesh and this world
- **Fear of God** - the reality of the coming judgment when we answer to our Judge before His throne, producing a great carefulness in waiting and acting on God's voice

**REPENTANT** - distrust of fleshly ambition and desires, enabling us to hear His voice free from lust, self-will and idols

Ezekiel 14:1-9 ESV

1 Then certain of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came to me:

3 "Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I indeed let myself be consulted by them?

4 Therefore speak to them and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Any one of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart and sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and yet comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him as he comes with the multitude of his idols,

5 that I may lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel, who are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For any one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel, who separates himself from me, taking his idols into his heart and putting the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and yet comes to a prophet to consult me through him, I the LORD will answer him myself.

8 And I will set my face against that man; I will make him a sign and a byword and cut him off from the midst of my people, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

9 And if the prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I, the LORD, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand against him and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

2 Chronicles 18:1-24 ESV [1 Kings 22:1-25 ESV]

1 Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor, and he made a marriage alliance with Ahab.

2 After some years he went down to Ahab in Samaria. And Ahab killed an abundance of sheep and oxen for him and for the people who were with him, and induced him to go up against Ramoth-gilead.

3 Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead?" He answered him, "I am as you are, my people as your people. We will be with you in the war."

4 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Inquire first for the word of the LORD."

5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for God will give it into the hand of the king."

6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here another prophet of the LORD of whom we may inquire?"

7 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, Micaiah the son of Imlah; but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil." And Jehoshaphat said,

"Let not the king say so."

8 Then the king of Israel summoned an officer and said, "Bring quickly Micaiah the son of Imlah."

9 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting on their thrones, arrayed in their robes. And they were sitting at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'With these you shall push the Syrians until they are destroyed.'"

11 And all the prophets prophesied so and said, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and triumph. The LORD will give it into the hand of the king."

12 And the messenger who went to summon Micaiah said to him, "Behold, the words of the prophets with one accord are favorable to the king. Let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably."

13 But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what my God says, that I will speak."

14 And when he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?" And he answered, "Go up and triumph; they will be given into your hand."

15 But the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

16 And he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These have no master; let each return to his home in peace.'"

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

18 And Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

19 And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab the king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said one thing, and another said another.

20 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, 'I will entice him.' And the LORD said to him, 'By what means?'

21 And he said, 'I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.'

22 Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets. The LORD has declared disaster concerning you."

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "Which way did the Spirit of the LORD go from me to speak to you?"

24 And Micaiah said, "Behold, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide yourself."

Matthew 5:4 ESV

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 16:24 ESV

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

John 5:19 ESV

19 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

**HUMILITY** - - *distrust of personal, fleshly and worldly wisdom and ability, enabling us to trust His voice more than we trust ourselves, the arm of the flesh and this world*

Jeremiah 10:23 ESV

23 I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.

- direct (kuwn) *to be firm, stable, secure, fixed, established, determined*

Proverbs 3:5-7 ESV

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

- straight (yashar - *to be right, upright, straight, level, smooth*)

7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 ESV

23 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,

24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

James 4:13-17 ESV

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"--

14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

**FEAR OF GOD** - - *the reality of the coming judgment when we answer to our Judge before His throne, producing a great carefulness in waiting and acting on God's voice*

Proverbs 16:6 ESV

6 ...by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

Acts 24:16 ESV

16 So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 ESV

9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.