James #68;

God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.

Open back up where we left off in the OT, Psalms 25.

This is an acrostic Psalm by David and though it is not our study, the reason for acrostic psalms was often used for having a prayer or a song in an organized, alphabetic order and also for memory purposes.

It gave the prayer or song chronological order and also became much easier to remember and teach to others.

/Psa 25:1 To You, LORD, **I lift up my soul.**

The Hebrew word used is *nep̄eš* for soul. Pointing to a deep seat within our being, where passions, thoughts and ideas formulate. This is the true YOU – your thoughts (mind).\

NEPH-US, it is the seat of the soul, meaning the deep recesses of where you hold your norms and standards, where you formulate ideas.

David is saying - I lift up my very being, all my norms and standards, all my thoughts and desires up to you LORD.

/[Psa 25:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/2/s_503002) **My God, in You I trust** (*bāṭaḥ*),Do not let me be ashamed;Do not let my enemies rejoice over me.

Faith means obedience – David would gather up all his thoughts and desires and slam them down upon the truth of Christ.\

BAW-TACH means to slam down my whole trust, all my beliefs slammed down upon the LORD. It was sometimes used as an ancient wrestling term.

This is the attitude of obedience…David was far from sinless perfection but he had a heart that chased after GOD.

[Psa 25:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/3/s_503003) Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed;Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

/In the end – in the grand scheme of this whole world, GOD will never leave HIS children ashamed and wanting in the end. When a Bel refuses to grow inside the grace and knowledge of Christ, they often suffer through emotional waves of doubt and confusion. Self-induced misery is almost always introduced by our own emotions spiraling out of control first. Whenever this occurs it is a call back to rebound and focus on the WORD and let go of human viewpoint.\

It is a call back into a serious diet of BD, a call back into the NEW NATURE taking control.

/[Psa 25:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/4/s_503004) Make me know Your ways, LORD; **Teach me Your paths**.

This was not only a prayer but a staple of the thoughts of David. He consistently clung onto the WORD and the power of God for his lifestyle.\

[Psa 25:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/5/s_503005) Lead me in Your truth and teach me,For You are the God of my salvation;For You I wait all the day.

*/“Lead me in Your truth*” – *Lead me,* is a hiphil imperative (command), meaning “*Cause me to be guided through the truth*.”

It is - *dāraḵ 'ĕmeṯ,* march me forward, push me onward into divine knowledge. In other words, there is only one way of divine guidance and that is Bible doctrine.\

DAR-ACH, EM-ETH,

David prays for more BD and that will be his guidance. Guidance and discernment or maturity, only comes when we are available to learn…humble and available.

The basis for living the Christian life is not experience or emotions, the basis for living the Christian life is Bible doctrine in the soul.

/You can never blindly and emotionally seek out Spiritual Maturity and truly know God’s will from a diet of feelings, human viewpoint or guess work. God’s plan and HIS will for your life, was never designed to be guesswork or fumbling through emotions until you find an inspirational purpose. God has given us the WORD from the very beginning of time (Jhn 1:1).\

[Psa 25:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/6/s_503006) Remember, LORD, Your compassion and Your faithfulness,For they have been from of old.

David knew GOD does everything in eternity past.

God has always been faithful, compassionate, filled with mercy, just as HE has always been righteous and just.

God is immutable – HE cannot change. God is absolute.

/Mal 3:6 “For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

Num 23:19 “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Psa 102:25-27, Psa 33:11, Isa 46:10, Titus 1:2, Heb 13:8… etc.)\

The very essence of GOD can never change.

There are a few things GOD cannot do because He can never deny HIS own essence.

[Psa 25:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/7/s_503007) Do not remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoings; Remember me according to Your faithfulness,For Your goodness’ sake, LORD.

David knows the grace of GOD, he is aware that we only need to wash ourself clean and turn back to HIM, because GOD is always faithful.

/[Psa 25:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/8/s_503008) The LORD is good and upright;Therefore **He instructs**(*yārâ*) **sinners in the way.**

The Hiphil stem, points to discipline and accountability. Repetition and even misery can be gleaned from this Hebrew verb.\

YAW-RAH was often used to mean discipline or hard training.

Sometimes used for the archers in the ancient world, it was used for practice in the repetition… aiming, training and shooting over and over again.

It also meant thorough instruction.

 REPEAT

/[Psa 25:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/9/s_503009) He leads the humble in justice,And **He teaches the humble His way**.

Humility is the first and most important step toward knowledge. Humility means teachability. \

Notice what leads first…God’s justice is always front and center.

Emotional Bels refuse to acknowledge the justice of God and that means their spiritual foundation is built on sand.

They lack humility to sit and study as a lifestyle of worship.

This is why, even during the time of King David many Bels fell into emotional nonsense, false teaching and confusion.

 REPEAT

Nothing new under the sun!

/[Psa 25:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/10/s_503010) All the paths of the LORD are faithfulness and truth **To those who comply with His covenant and His testimonies**.

The right thing done in the right way – two power options. All paths to truth (BD), have to be under the filling power HS and the accuracy and consistency of the WORD!\

The paths of the LORD are seen in faithfulness and truth…in the original language, it points out mercy or kindness and then truth, the word is - *ḥeseḏ, (HAS-SAID).*

The word is often translated to being humble and faithful in the sense of following the covenants of GOD. Or it was used to speak of great mercy and compassion…which is how it is used here in this Psalm.

 REPEAT

In order to get to the truth, we have to have the mercy and compassion of GOD first.

Because none of us deserve what GOD has done for us and what HE offers us.

[Psa 25:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/11/s_503011) For the sake of Your name, LORD,Forgive my wrongdoing, for it is great.

Not for my sake – but for your sake LORD. Your integrity and YOUR character Lord… that is what matters.

David knew the protocol was always to be washed cleaned and then go to GOD.

We are not saved or washed clean from our own effort or our own character; it is all from God’s abundance grace and HIS impeccable integrity.

/*“David is pictured in this Psalm as in a faithful miniature. His holy trust, his many conflicts, his great transgressions, his bitter repentance, and his deep distresses are all here; so that we see the very heart of ‘the man after God’s own heart.’” Charles Spurgeon\*

No one knows exactly when this Psalm was written, but most likely after one of David’s many falls.

[Psa 25:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/12/s_503012) Who is the person who fears the LORD?He will instruct him in the way he should choose.

To RESPECT the LORD means you respect the teaching of the word!

You attitude toward Bible Study is truly a reflection of your respect for TLJC.

[Psa 25:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/13/s_503013) His soul will dwell in prosperity,And his descendants will inherit the land.

That is called blessing by association, just like cursing by association happens.

/[Psa 25:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/14/s_503014) **The secret** of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And **He will make them know His covenant.**

Respect is shown in obedience just as faith is shown in obedience.\

The deeper doctrines or truths, are open to those with true humility and those with an effort in seeking God.

Psa 25:15 My eyes are continually toward the LORD, For He will rescue my feet from the net.

David is speaking about consistency here, his eyes are always going back into BD, his thoughts and heart are set upon the things of the LORD.

Jump over to another acrostic plasm that many believe the prophet EZRA wrote concerning Babylonian captivity – Psalm 119.

/David knew the importance of keeping short accounts with sin and he was aware his fellowship needed to be in order as he continued to grow in the WORD. His focus was often on the word and how GOD’s word protects and guides us when we are consistently in it.\

David had a consistent positive attitude toward the word of God.

The Christian who rejects academic discipline in their studies will eventually fall prey to emotions or false teaching, usually both.

That is a guarantee of confusion and chaos finding a way into your path.

Remember what the Apostle Paul told the Bels at Corinth, who were all worked up over spiritual gifts. Many spiritual gifts that would eventually be done away with at the completed canon of scripture;

/1Cor 14:33 **for God is not *a God* of confusion, but of peace**. As in all the churches of the saints,\

We will close in Psalm 119…by just touching on the first set of scriptures. My suggestion is to read the whole Psalm in reference to the importance of studying the word of GOD.

Psa 119:1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the Law of the LORD.

You can not walk in a command or a law that you do not fully understand.

It means you will not find divine contentment (happiness), outside of the word of GOD!

/[Psa 119:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/119/2/s_597002) Blessed are those who **comply with His testimonies** (*ēḏâ*), **and seek Him with all *their* heart.**

This means to keep and guard HIS plan and HIS essence. You have to study to find out God’s essence and His plan. You have to understand all the witnesses and testimonies pointing us to our LORD.\

AA-DAH, always used in the plural sense to speak about divine testimonies.

[Psa 119:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/119/3/s_597003) They also do no injustice;They walk in His ways.

When we walk in our fellowship…in our union with Christ we are viewed in HIS righteousness.

All Believers are viewed in their position in Christ.

/[Psa 119:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/119/4/s_597004) You have ordained Your **precepts** (*piqqûḏîm*),That we are to keep *them* **diligently**.

God has ordained the decrees, commands and statutes for our success and knowledge, we are called to guard them and to keep seeking them.\

PIC-WHO-DEEM, this comes from a Hebrew root word for judicial or government regulations.

Diligently - actually means with full force and with exhaustive efforts. To chase with an exceeding abundance of energy.

[Psa 119:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/119/5/s_597005) Oh that my ways may be establishedTo keep Your statutes!

My very lifestyle is regulated by Your WORD.

[Psa 119:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/119/6/s_597006) Then I will not be ashamedWhen I look at all Your commandments.

[Psa 119:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/119/7/s_597007) I will give thanks to You with uprightness of heart,When I learn Your righteous judgments.

/[Psa 119:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/119/8/s_597008) **I will keep Your statutes**;Do not utterly abandon me!

This speaks to the doctrine of application (divine wisdom), which only happens as we gain levels of maturity.\

The only way to avoid becoming a confused Christian is to accurately handle the word of GOD…study and keep guarding what you have learned.

/Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Mat 4:4 But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”\

/Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.\