

Psalm 25:1-11

- ¹ 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!
- ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
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.

God Our Forgiveness

Sometimes it seems like all we can see is the sin in our hearts; other times we assume we are good and right. In spite of all the noise, voices of opinion, and self-talk, what does the Word of God say?

1. Read Psalm 25:1-11 and underline every reference to the **psalmist**. (*I, my, me*)

Reflect: What do you learn about the psalmist in this passage? Does the psalmist say *when* he was sinful? How does he describe what he is doing right now? (see verses 1, 2, and 5)

Reflect: What requests does the psalmist make for himself throughout the passage? What does that tell you about his relationship with God?

2. Read Psalm 25:1-11 again and mark every reference to **God** with a triangle. (*you, Lord, God, your, he, his*)

Reflect: What things does God possess that the psalmist is asking for (see v. 4, 5, 6, and 7) in this passage? How does he treat people according to v. 3, 8 and 9?

From what you have seen in this Psalm, how can you talk with God about sin or the confusion in your life? How can this change your thoughts, reactions, and actions?