

Psalm 25 – When I Can't Pay Attention | Michael Morrow

An impossible challenge?

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess 5:16-18)

David gives God all his attention

I trust in you (25:2)

I take refuge in you. (25:20)

My eyes are ever on the Lord,
for only he will release my feet from the snare. (25:15)

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long. (25:5)

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you
and wait expectantly. (Ps. 5:3)

David wants God's attention

Remember...do not remember...remember (25:6-7)

Turn to me (25:16)

Look on my affliction (25:18)

See how numerous...how fiercely (25:19)

Guard my life (25:20)

God gives us his attention

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. (25:8)

He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way. (25:9)

The Lord confides in those who fear him;
he makes his covenant known to them. (25:14)

God guides us by his word

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3:16-17)

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. (Heb. 5:14)

God has a way of his own

Show me *your ways*, Lord,
teach me *your paths*. (25:4)

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in *his ways*. (25:8)

He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them *his way*. (25:9)

God is on the move

Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.

You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron. (77:19-20)

The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps. (85:12-13)

God is with us and in us

Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory. (73:23-24)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21)