

Trusting God in Dark Times (Psa. 25, Jer. 12:5)

Intro.

Rest in Him (vs 1-3)

Receptiveness to His Guidance (vs 4,5)

Remembrance by God (vs 6,7)

Reflections of Him (vs 8-11)

Rescue only from Him (vs 12-20)

#1 Prayer

#2 Prayer

Reflections and/or Applications

1. When the troubles or tight places occur, don't be anxious, manipulate, scheme, or complain, just rest in Him and wait. His ways are not our ways, and His timing is not ours either.
2. Cultivation of receptiveness to His ways and truth makes it easier to wait on Him and trust His sovereignty.
3. God doesn't forget but wants us to remember His loving kindnesses daily. He knows our sins of past, present, and future; and they are covered by the blood of Christ. He does not reward us as to what we deserve but according to His great mercy.
4. We will come to understand that in the darkest hour and during pressing danger the Lord is closest to us. He cares profoundly. His presence will give us peace. His nearness will give us hope, and His protection gives us life. (Phillip Keller, 2002).
5. Only the Lord can provide the deep inner sense of security that we all long for. We all will experience the storms of life, but He has promised to take us through them if we trust in Him and not ourselves. We must risk the life of faith to become truly secure.
6. There are two simple prayers with great depth in this Psalm. First, "be gracious to me!" Any conditions? Second, "guard my soul and deliver me; do not let me be ashamed for I take refuge in Thee ... for I wait for Thee."