

Psalm 25

DON'T FAIL ME, GOD!

King David's poetic praise to God

Forever I will lift up my soul into your presence,
Lord.

Do not forsake me, God, for I keep trusting in you.

Do not allow my eyes to gloat over me or

shame of defeat to overtake me.

How could anyone be disgraced

if they've entwined their hearts with you?

They will not be defeated and ashamed

when they harm the innocent.

Direct me throughout my journey

so I can experience your plans for my life.

Reveal the life-paths that are pleasing to you.

Escort me along the way; take me by the hand

and teach me.

For you are the God of my increasing salvation;

you have wrapped my heart into yours!^{1b}

Forgive my failures as a young man,

and overlook the sins of my immaturity.

Psalms 25–39 are fifteen poetic songs of bringing
in worship before God. Psalms 25–29 speak of our
dependence on God. Psalms 30–34 point us to
eternal life with God. And the last five,
Psalms 35–39, bring us to the importance of personal purity
and holiness before God as we worship him in truth.

^{1b} The Hebrew word (most commonly translated as wait
and wait upon the Lord) is *qashq*, which also means to tie
together by twisting, or entwining, or wrap tightly. This is a
beautiful concept of waiting upon God, not as something
passive, but entwining our hearts with him and his purposes.