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Psalm 25

The acrostic Psalms tend to use the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet - the first word of the first verse beginning with *aleph*, the first word of the second verse beginning with *bet*, and so on.

Psalms 25; 34; 37; 111; 112; 119; 145



Seven penitential psalms:

Psalms 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143.

In each, the author acknowledges or confesses his trespass before the Lord and recognizes his need for God's favor and forgiveness.

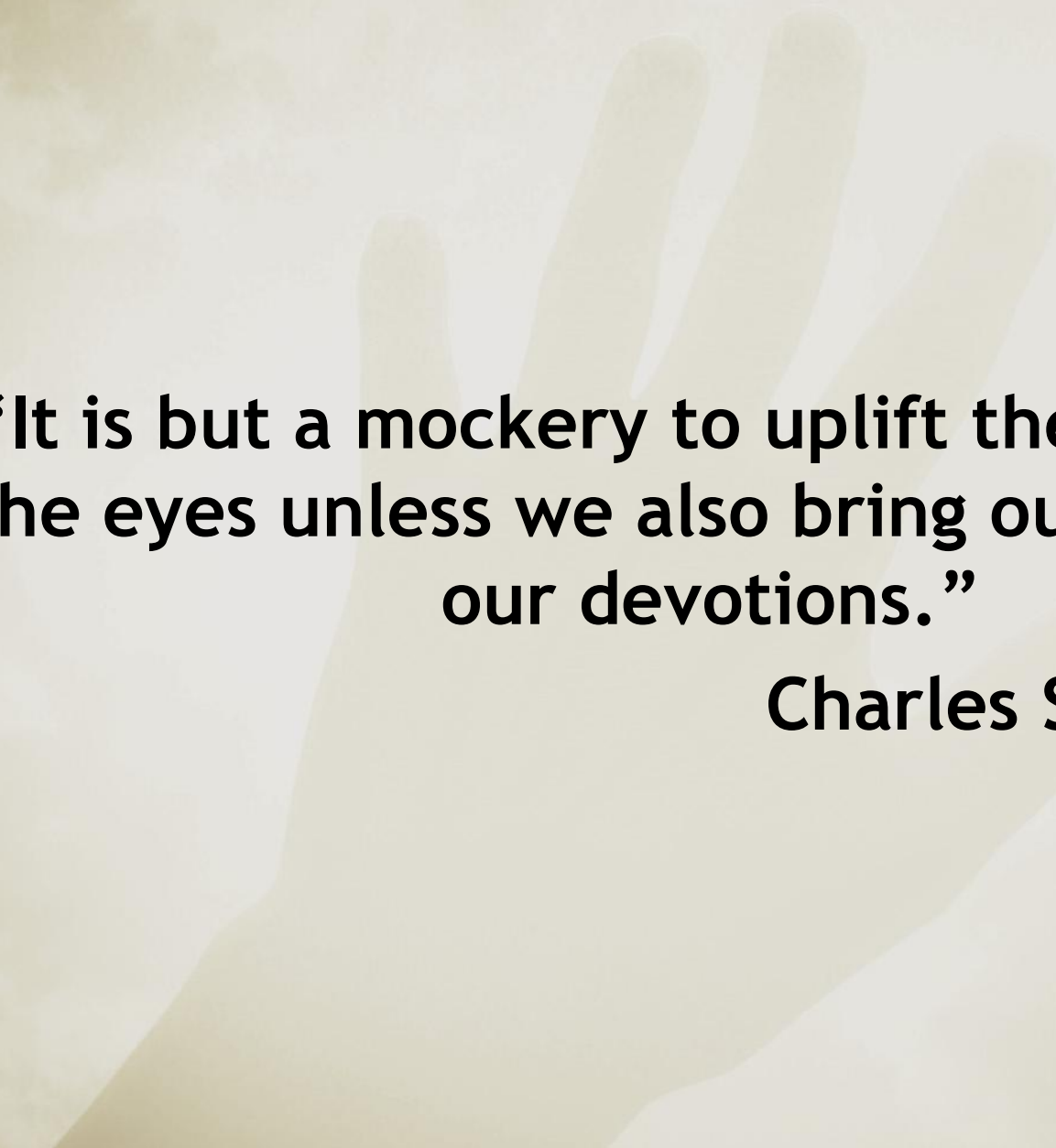
Psalm 25 is also a penitential psalm





**Verse 1**

**Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift  
up my soul**



**“It is but a mockery to uplift the hands and the eyes unless we also bring our souls into our devotions.”**

**Charles Spurgeon**



Verse 2

**<sup>2</sup> O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.**

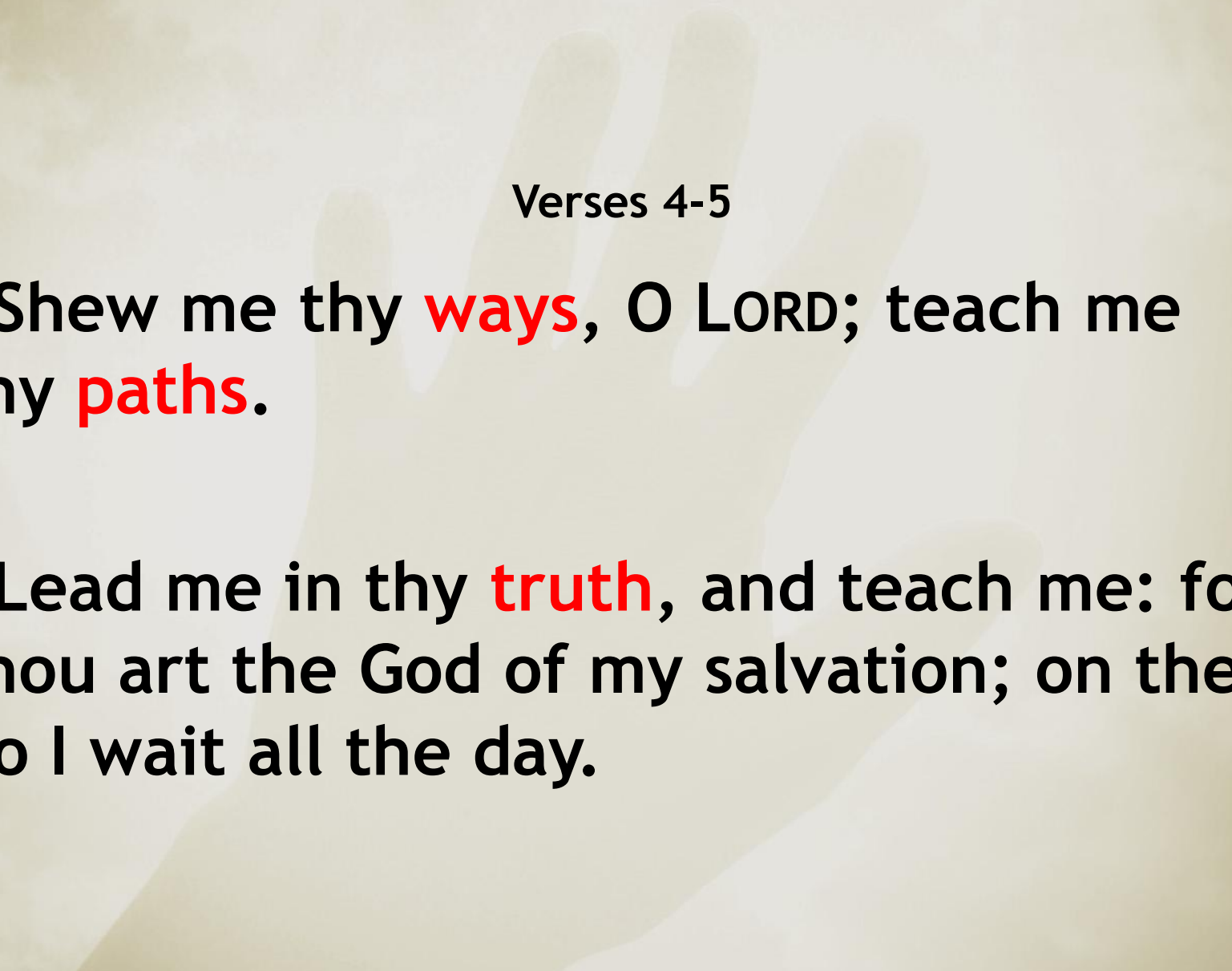
Compare verses 2 and 3  
with  
verses 19 and 20

Psalm 25: 2-3

- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Psalm 25: 19-20

- <sup>19</sup> Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.
- <sup>20</sup> O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.



Verses 4-5

<sup>4</sup> Shew me thy **ways**, O LORD; teach me thy **paths**.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in thy **truth**, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.



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# The Four Specific Areas that David pleads for God's Help



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David asked God to:

1. Protect Him (verses 1-3 and verses 16, 19, 20, 21)



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1 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.



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**16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.**

**19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.**



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**20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.**

**21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.**



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1. Protect Me

2. Pilot Me (verses 4,5,8-10, 12)



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**4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.**

**5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.**



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<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.



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**12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.**



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1. Protect Me

2. Pilot Me (verses 4,5,8-10)

3. Pardon Me (verses 6,7,11,18)



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**6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.**

**7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.**



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**11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.**

**18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.**



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1. Protect Me

2. Pilot Me (verses 4,5,8-10)

3. Pardon Me (verses 6,7,11,18)

4. Prosper Me (verses 13-15, 17)



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**13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.**

**14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.**



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