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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.

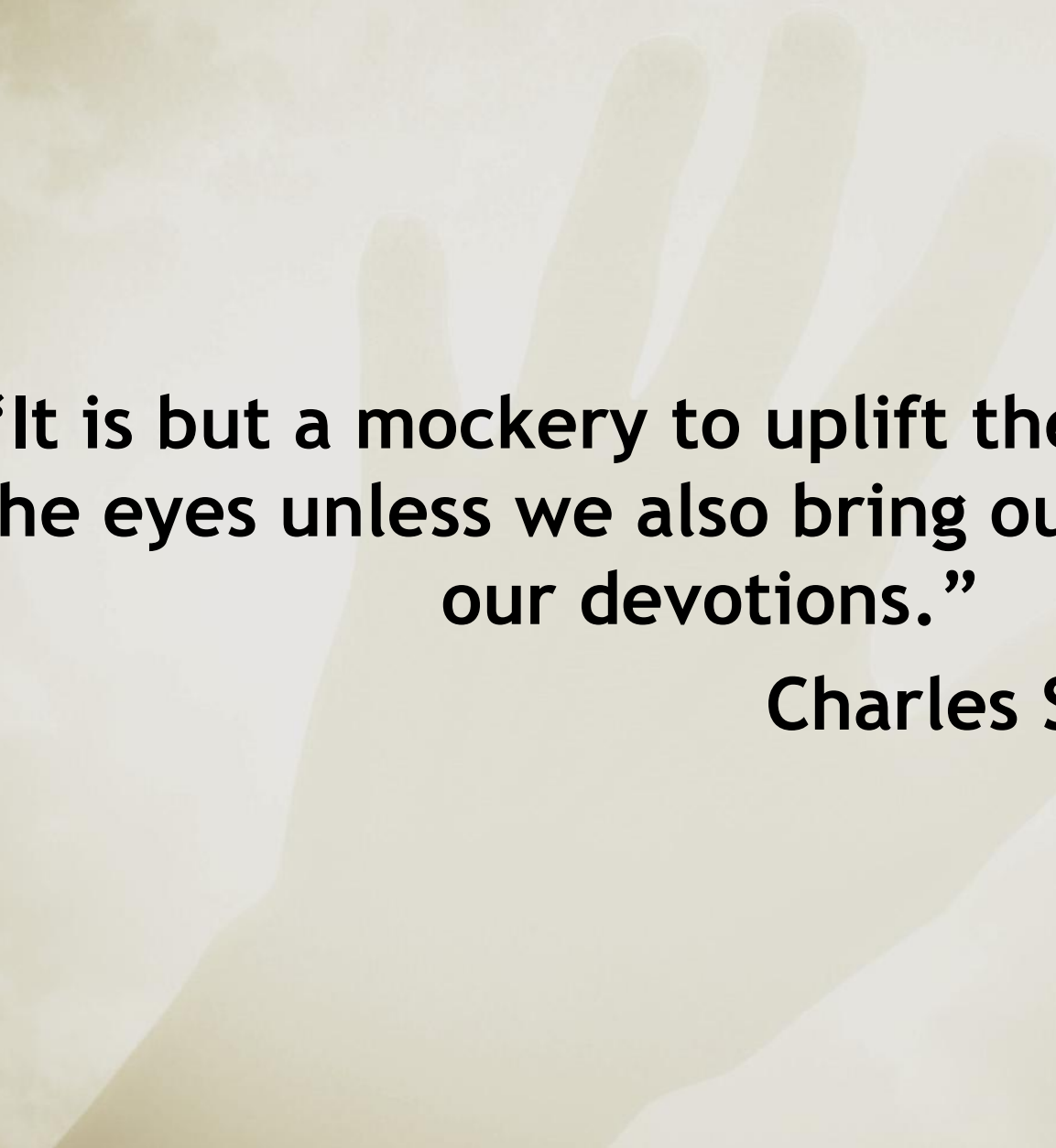
Psalm 25 is also a penitential psalm





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

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

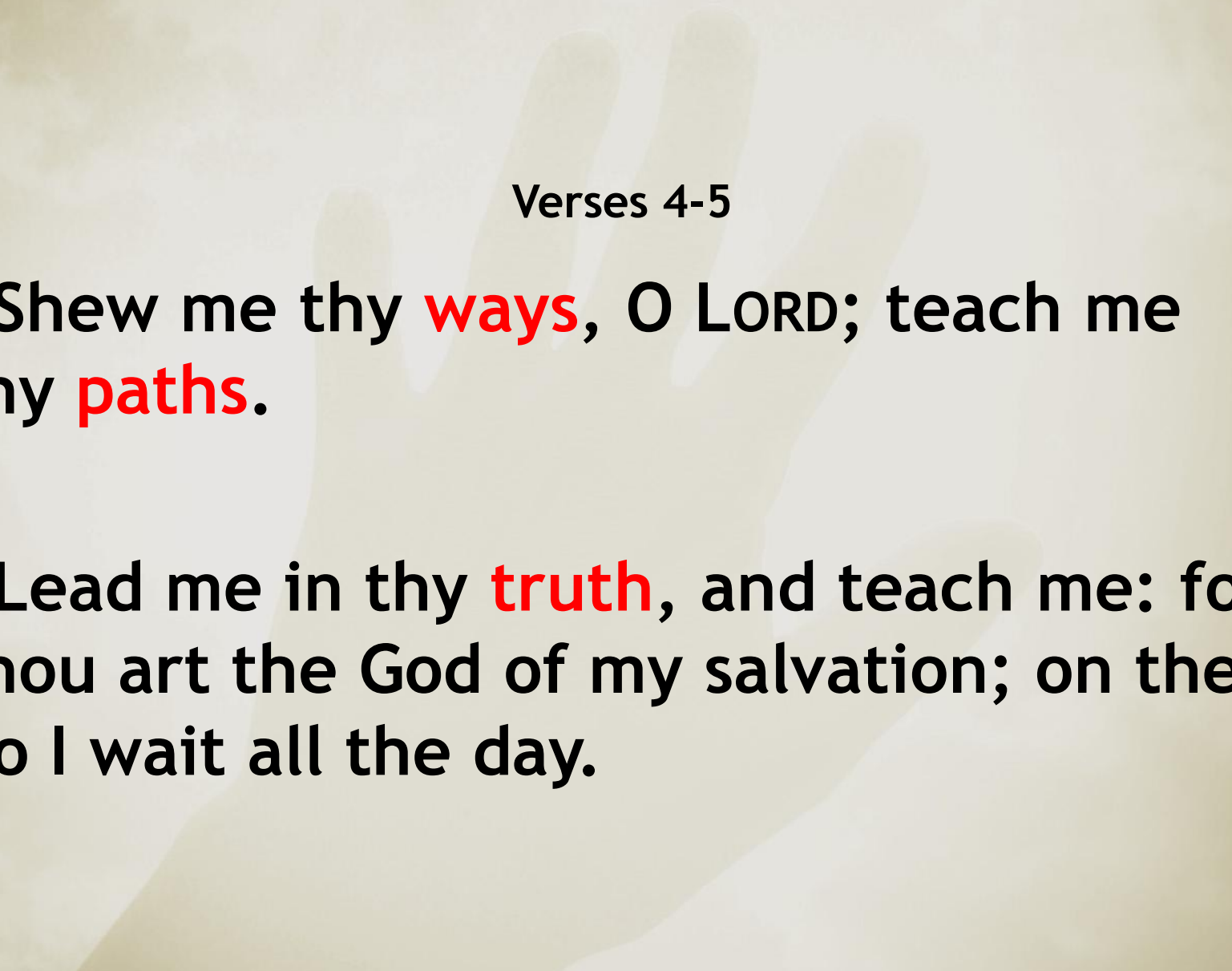
Compare verses 2 and 3
with
verses 19 and 20

Psalm 25: 2-3

- 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.

Psalm 25: 19-20

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



Verses 4-5

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.