

# Show Me Your Ways

Psalm 25:1-7

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## **Introduction:**

In our regular morning sermon series, we have been making our way through the book of Ephesians.

- Over the last few weeks,
  - We have been looking at some of the specific changes that we are called to make after we become Christians.
    - We are to put away lying and replace it with speaking truth,
    - We are to put away sinful anger and replace it with holy anger,
    - We are to put away stealing and replace it with hard work and giving,
    - We are to put away rotten words and replace them with wholesome words.
- While studying about these changes,
  - we have been singing Psalm 119-H as our Psalm of Focus because it speaks about such things as:
    - “turning our feet to God’s ways” and of
    - “not delaying to keep His commandments.”
  - For those of you who may not know what I mean by our Psalm of Focus,
    - The Psalm of Focus is a Psalm that is selected from our Psalter because of its correlation with our regular sermon series.
      - I introduce the Psalm by breaking from our regular series to preach from it,
      - Then we sing that Psalm selection over the next 4 to 6 weeks in our morning worship service.
- I decided to go ahead and introduce our new Psalm of Focus this week (rather than waiting until we get to chapter 5),
  - because I noticed an interesting feature that Paul introduces in the last two verses of chapter 4 that run on into chapter 5.
    - All along, he has been giving us various motives to encourage the changes that he is calling for...
      - In Eph 4:25, he reminds us that we are members of one another.
      - In Eph 4:26, he warns us about giving place to the devil.
      - In Eph 4:30, he warns us about grieving the Spirit,

- But when we get to Eph 4:31,
  - he begins to motivate us by pointing to the example of Christ and to call us to imitate Him!
  - The idea is that we, seeing the beauty of our Lord Jesus Christ, of His perfect example and of His gracious love,
    - are to become more and more like Him!
    - He is our example of what we are to be like as God's sons and daughters,
      - and indeed, God will so work in all His elect that we actually **will** become like Jesus Christ.

The Psalm I have chosen is very helpful to shape our meditations as we consider imitating Jesus Christ.

- The wonderful thing about the Psalms is that in them we have those sentiments, longings, and desires that are perfectly holy and pure,
  - and therefore by which we can confidently seek to shape our meditations.
  - They are given to us by divine inspiration to sing, so we can be assured that they contain what is pleasing to God.
  - It is for us to see that our inward thoughts reflect what our voices speak.

The Psalm I have chosen is Psalm 25-A in our Psalter which covers the first 7 verses of Psalm 25.

- When you sing this Psalm with sincerity,

### **I. You begin by affirming your trust in the LORD.**

- This is subject of the first three verses...

#### **A. You begin by telling Him that you lift up your soul to Him...**

1. There are many over the centuries who sing praises to God and spout off confessions of faith who have never lifted up their soul to God...
  - They draw near with their lips, but their hearts are far away.
    - What hypocrisy it is to sing these words,
      - "O LORD, to you I lift up my soul"
        - when your soul does not reach out to God at all...
        - when it is just empty words.
2. The lifting up the soul to God is a deliberate thing.

- a. Our soul naturally goes out to the things of the world...
  - We look for our portion in this world...
  - We look to the things of earth to satisfy us.
  
- 1) It is only when we realise that there is no real hope for us in this world...
  - When God's Spirit comes and reveals our sin to us—
    - When He shows us that we are sinking into cesspool of our own corruption (a cesspool is a sewer you know),
      - and that we cannot lift ourselves out or clean ourselves up...
    - And when He shows us what is perhaps even worse...
      - that we are in danger of being completely enveloped by God's wrath—
        - to be cast into Hell and tormented forever as the Lord Jesus Himself so often warns us in His teaching...
  - I say, it is only when you see how desperate your condition really is that you start to look for *real* salvation...
    - Not for diversions
    - Not for superficial solutions,
      - but for real salvation...
  
- 2) And when you become desperate,
  - You realise that no one can really help you but God.
  - It is then that you lift up your soul to Him!
  - You realise that all other Saviours are worthless.
  
- b. I say that it is a deliberate thing...
  - It is just as deliberate as when you grab hold of a rope to save you from drowning...
    - You let go of everything else and grab that rope because your life depends on it.
  - There is no more messing around with diversions or superficial solutions.
    - You look up to God and commit your soul to Him!
    - You put your whole life in His hands as your only hope.

- I don't mean to say that you always know exactly when you began to do this,
  - for some is a more gradual change, for others it is more sudden...
    - but it results in the same thing...
    - It results in your soul being lifted up to God rather than resting in the things of this world.

TRANS> Verse 2 flows right out of this...

B. You say,

- Psalm 25:2: "O my God, I trust in You;"
  1. The word **trust** that is used here is translating the Hebrew word  $\text{xjb}$ .
    - It speaks of the thing that you repose in, or the thing that you put your confidence in.
      - a. The Bible uses this word again and again to speak of the thing that you look to as your source of blessing...
        - 1) It mentions riches,
          - You think, if only I had a little bit more, then my life would be all that I want it to be...
        - 2) It mentions your own righteousness...
          - You rest in the fact that you have not done certain things that others have done--
            - or that you have prayed or tried to do good to others...
            - or even that you have never hurt anyone...
              - and you foolishly suppose that you are acceptable to God because of this.
        - 3) It mentions instruments of war or foreign alliances as an object of trust...
          - You know how people will feel secure because they have a strong military defence system—
            - or because they have good relations with all the other nations.
      - 4) The Bible even mentions that some trust in wickedness...
        - You say, who would do that?
        - You would—and I would...
        - You do that every time you take something that God has forbidden.

- What are you doing when you do that, but trusting that by having that thing, you will give yourself some sort of happiness...
    - You would not take it if you thought it would make you miserable, would you?
      - All of you do this!
      - That's why you need a Saviour!
- 5) And then, of course, the Bible speaks about people trusting in idols...
- Now occasionally, we actually run into someone who has a little shrine set up in their home with an image of Buddha or the Virgin Mary or something...
  - But an even more common form of idolatry is when you pretend that God is whatever you want Him to be...
    - and then you trust in the god that you have made up...
  - You see this all the time, don't you...
    - People say, "God doesn't mind a little..." and then they fill in the blank...
    - or they say, "God would never send anyone to hell"
      - They make an idol and then they trust in those idols...
      - It's really stupid, but we all do it to a certain extent when we refuse to receive what God has revealed in His word,
        - or twist it around to say what we want it to say!
- b. You probably don't even realise how many things you put this kind of trust in...
- They are the things about which you say, "If only I had that, how blessed I would be."
    - If only I had my health...
    - If only I had a good relationship with that special someone...
    - If only I could win the lottery.
  - Some of you are craving things that you would be ashamed to tell anyone about—
    - You have some dark fantasy that your mind keeps returning to and you think—
      - If only that fantasy would come true—how good it would be!

TRANS> There are thousands of things your soul is drawn out to, thousands of things that you put inappropriate trust in...

2. But when you sing this Psalm, you are telling God something different...
  - a. You tell Him that you are lifting up your soul to Him instead of letting it be drawn out to all these empty substitutes that have no power to bless you...
    - You are telling God that your soul that has been crawling around on the earth as if there is no God is now looking to Him instead.
  - b. You are telling Him that you trust in Him—
    - that you find repose in Him—
    - that you trust in Him as the God of your salvation and forsake all other objects of trust...
- 1) Not that health and riches and good relationships are no longer considered blessings...
  - They are...
  - But they are blessings from the Lord for which you return thanks.
    - They are not the **source** of blessing, but are blessings as God is pleased to give them to you.
    - That's the difference, isn't it?
      - When you see that He is the source of blessing, you do not try to get these other things apart from him...
      - You do not look for riches that are gained by deception or fraud...
        - you know that such riches will only breed worms and stink...
      - You do not look for physical intimacy outside of proper marriage...
        - You look for it as the gift of God given within marriage.
  - 2) And not only that,
    - but you realise that apart from God's salvation, there really is no blessing for you...
      - Having seen your sin and corruption, having seen God's wrath upon you for that sin, and having seen that there is no way to save yourself,

- You lift up your soul entirely to Him and put all your trust in Him...
  - You give Him your life absolutely—
  - You look to Him as the God of your salvation through Christ.
- You realise that nothing but His sacrifice on the cross can take away your sin,
    - You realise that nothing but His grace and Spirit can transform your life...
    - And so your soul is lifted up to Him and you place all your trust in Him.
- C. And you see that as one who has put all your trust in Him, you ask Him to come through for you!
1. Look at the rest of verse 2...
    - “Let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me...”
  - a. The shame here is the shame that comes if you have trusted in something and it doesn’t come through for you...
    - 1) You have put your trust in riches and the riches let you down.
      - You know, like the people that get all excited about some multi-level marketing scheme,
        - and they think they are headed for pure happiness...
        - and the scheme either fails or they get their riches but not the happiness.
          - And when it fails, your enemies mock...
    - 2) You can think of those kings in history who have boasted in their armies...
      - After a time those armies in which they placed so much trust are defeated—they are brought to shame...
      - Sometimes there may be success in this life, but it will not carry over into the life to come...
        - Then there will be deep shame that you have trusted in the creature rather than the Creator.
  - b. But the promise of God is that those who trust in the Lord will never be brought to shame.

- Oh yes, there may be times in this life when God chastens us and allows our enemies to triumph for a season,
    - It was even that way for Jesus when He bore our sins on the cross...
      - The enemies mocked and asked him where God in whom He claimed to trust was.
      - They used His suffering as an occasion against Him to prove that He had falsely trusted in God...
        - But on the third day He rose again from the dead and then afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at God's right hand.
  - You may be laughed at in the classroom for believing that God created the world in six days as He said He did,
    - but how ashamed your mockers will be at last when they stand before their creator and the silliness of their theories is completely exposed!
      - And worse than that,
        - when it is exposed that they never worshipped God who made them or gave thanks to Him...
2. The prayer of verse 3 is that no one who trusts in God will be put to shame,
- but that those who have dealt treacherously without cause...
    - turning against us as the Lord's people and so turning against Christ—
    - rejecting the terms of His covenant and refusing to obey His call...
      - dealing treacherously with the King of Glory that God sent to redeem us...
      - They will be brought to shame at last and all of their folly will be exposed.
  - Grammatically, verse 3 may also be taken as an affirmation of trust...
    - The ESV translates it that way:
      - Instead of:
        - v. 3, (NKJV): Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.
      - It says:
        - v. 3, ESV: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who wantonly transgress.
    - Brothers and sisters,
      - however this verse is to be translated,



- You have this confidence!
- If it is prayer, it is a prayer that will be answered...
  - If you trust in God, you will not be brought to shame, but those who wantonly transgress will be brought to shame!
- Oh don't you see this my friends!
  - There is no other rope to take hold of for your salvation than Jesus Christ!
    - All other Saviours will fail you...
    - Without Him, you will be swallowed by your sin and you will under the infinite wrath of God.
    - Take hold of Christ and be saved!
      - Lift up your soul to Him and place all your trust in Him.

TRANS> And once you see that Christ is the only way—that God's salvation is the only salvation...

- Once you have put your trust in Him,
  - It only follows that you will want to follow Him...
    - You will want to be His disciple...
- And so it is that as you sing this Psalm, having first confessed your trust in the Lord,

## II. You now cry out to Him to make you His disciple.

A. A disciple is one who becomes a student of a master with the goal that he will become like His master.

- Jesus said, "It is enough if the disciple become like his master."
  - That is what you aim for as a disciple...
  - You want to learn the Master's ways so that you can live as you Master lives
- That is what verse 4 and 5 are talking about...in two steps...
  1. First you say,
    - v. 4, "Show me your ways O LORD. Teach me your paths."
    - a. The word **show** is literally "make known to me."
      - The Hebrew word is *edy* (*yaw-dah'*)...
        - *edy* (*yaw-dah'*) speaks of an experiential knowledge that one person has for another.

- It is even used to refer to sexual relations: “Adam knew his wife... and she bore a son...”
  - *edy* (*yaw-dah*’) often refers both to God’s knowledge of His people (in distinction from those who are not His people),
    - Am 3:2 “You only have I known of all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”
    - and of our knowledge of Him, in distinction from those who do not know Him.
      - It is used of Israel’s knowing that He is LORD when He delivers them,
      - and is used of Egypt’s coming to know that He is LORD (in a different way) after He sends the plagues upon them.
- 1) The second line, “teach me your paths,”
    - is essentially repeating the same thing over.
    - This is a common feature of Hebrew poetry called parallelism...
      - where you have rhyming meanings rather than rhyming words.
  - 2) But you see that the request here is that you would come to know God’s ways.
    - The idea is that you would come to understand how He does things—
      - His manner of behaviour...
        - so that you can say, “I have known God.”
        - You are asking Him to show you how He does things!
- b. What a rich request this is for us!
- 1) It is richer for us than it was when David wrote it because we now the Son of God has come to show us God’s ways...
    - He has done what David was asking for when he wrote this Psalm...
    - And now we have seen the glory of the only begotten Son of God...
      - And we have seen that glory revealed in human flesh!
  - 2) The glory of God is revealed in Jesus Christ in a way that surpasses all the revelations that were given in the Old Testament...
    - Even the most humble believer in the New Testament has access to revelation that far surpasses anything that Moses or Isaiah or Daniel or any of the other prophets saw

- In Jesus Christ,
    - we have seen the love of God and the justice of God and the wisdom of God in a much fuller way than they ever did.
      - We see that God's justice demanded the blood of His Son if we are to receive pardon...
      - And that in His great love He sent His Son and His Son came in that same love to offer Himself on the cross for us...
      - And we have seen the wisdom of God in this whole matter that is so calculated to display His glory!
    - And here you come to God and you ask Him to make Himself known to you...
      - To make Christ known to you!
        - To show the height and depth and breadth and length of His love!
        - It is a marvellous revelation once you have seen it and you only want to see more and more...
          - It is the glory of God revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.
2. And then having asked to see more of His glory, you ask Him in verse 5 to **lead** you in His truth and teach you in it...
- a. That is, you ask Him to teach you to walk in His truth—
- You have seen the beauty of His way and now you want to walk in His way—
  - You want to imitate your master!
- 1) This is what discipleship is all about!
- It is to know Jesus and then, through the sanctifying work of God's Spirit, to become like Him.
  - Romans 8 tells us that God has predestined those He calls to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
    - That means that God is at work in you who believe to make you more and more like Jesus, and that you **will** become like Him.
- 2) The fact that He came in the flesh means that we have an example we can follow.
- In Christ, we are enabled to see what God is like as man—the divine person in human flesh.
    - We see Him as man...
      - worshipping as a man,

- obeying all the commandments that God has given to us as a man,
- resisting temptation as a man who was tempted as we are, yet without sin,
- you see Him suffering and sacrificing as none of us have ever had to do...
- We are given an example of what the perfect image of God looks like in man!
  - This makes the Lord's discipleship of us all the more effective now that Jesus has come.
  - We have the old commandment to love our neighbour now lived out in Jesus who goes to the cross to bear our sins!
  - And we have the commandment to love God lived out by Jesus in His obedience to the Father,
    - even to the point of going to die on the cross when the thing itself (not the benefit that would come from it) was utterly repulsive to Him.
    - This is what we are to be like and what we shall become like by the grace of God.

b. And of course it is this grace that is being asked for here in verse 5...

1) That the LORD would actually lead us in His truth—

- That we would enable us to begin to do the truth—to live it out...
- We can't do this in our own strength or by our own will-power,
  - but we are asking Him to lead us into it and to teach us to walk in it... not just academically,
  - but to actually enable us to live the transformed life that God calls us to live.
    - To speak as Christ spoke,
    - To love as He loved,
    - To obey as He obeyed,
    - To pray as He prayed,
    - To be holy as He was holy.

2) We look to Him for this transforming grace because He is the God of our salvation.

- That's what verse 5 goes on to say...

- v. 5: “Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation”
- In other words, we say to the Lord,
  - “you are the one that saves me from the bondage of sin and the guilt of sin and gives me a new life in your service,”
  - “You are the one who opens the eyes of my understanding that I might see your glory in Christ.”
  - “You are the one who lifts me out of the corruption I live in and who gives me a new life...”
  - So now do it...

B. As a disciple, you tell the Lord that you wait on Him all day for this transforming grace.

- Do you see that at the end of verse 5?
  - “On You I wait all the day long.”

1. What does waiting on Him mean?

a. Waiting on Him means that you look to Him to do it.

- It means that you are depending on Him.
  - You know your weakness—
    - You know that you can’t lift yourself out of the cesspool of sin...
      - no more than a stone can fly unless it is lifted...
      - You are dead in sin until He gives you life.
  - You know that you cannot pay for your sins or make atonement for them...
    - though you cry rivers of tears and lacerate yourself with whips and chains and burn yourself with oil...
      - it is to no avail...
      - Only Christ can take away your sin.
        - You are waiting on Him...

b. Waiting on Him also means that you are delighting in Him,

- You do not accept some other Saviour that comes along as a usurper, making promises to you...
- To that false saviour, you say,
  - “No thanks, I am waiting on the Lord—all me desire is toward Him.”

- It doesn't matter if the usurper is a beautiful seductress that offers you pleasure
    - or some comfortable philosophy that offers you a pretended escape by denying sin...
    - You are waiting for Christ as a chaste bride waits for her husband.
      - She says know to all others.
2. And this is something that you claim to do all the day long...
- "I wait on you all the day long..."
    - a. This reminds you that transformation of your life is a long process...
      - It doesn't happen all at once...
        - The Lord turns us to be His disciple at our conversion...
        - We trust in Him and leave all to follow Him,
          - but we continue to bear about all sorts of remaining corruption.
          - We are not perfected all at once—not even in our whole lifetime on earth...
      - But because we are convinced that **He** is where life is to be found,
        - We continue to trust in Him and to lift up our soul to Him.
        - We continue to look to Him in faith to do all that He has promised.
    - b. And we do it all the day long—we wait for Him all the day long.
      - As Matthew Henry says,
        - 1) Even though it be a long day—
          - even though the process seems slow and we fall seven times a day,
            - we keep looking to Him and seeking Him and earnestly looking to change even though we are tired.
        - 2) Even though it be a dark day—
          - even though we do not see things as clearly as we ought,
            - even though we don't have a clear sense of the love God—
              - we keep waiting on Him, looking to Him, yearning for Him even in the dark.
        - 3) Even though it be a stormy day—
          - with many trials, with waves and winds and tempests and though our ship seems ready to perish...

- We keep on waiting on Him, knowing that He is with us in the boat as it tosses on the waves...
    - knowing that it cannot perish unless He perishes...
      - and that He will never perish.
3. We wait because we believe His promise!
- We wait because we believe it will all be worth it—that we will not be ashamed or disappointed in the end!
  - Come now,
    - you don't want to go on as you are—
      - with your grumbling,
      - with your harsh impatient words,
      - with your bitterness,
      - with your cold heart toward God,
      - with your distracted heart...
      - no, that would be awful to go on with this...
  - The Lord has promised and you are to look to Him and wait on Him...
    - You are to actively seek Him—
      - to devote yourself to prayer and the word...
      - to endeavour to put everything He calls you to do into practice...
    - It is all worth it!
      - Think of the misery into which you are sinking apart from this Saviour!
        - There is no where else to go!
        - He is the One we trust!
        - He is the One we follow!

TRANS> But how can we expect Him to go on with us?

- We may be committed to go on with Him, seeking His grace,
  - but what confidence can we have that He will be willing to bear with us when we are so slow to change?
  - That leads us to third thing we are taught in this portion of Psalm 25...
    - It is found in verse 6 & 7...

**III. You beseech Him to remember His covenant concerning you.**

- A. We would have no way of knowing what God will do with us except that He has told us in His covenant...
1. When He calls us—
    - a. He tells us that He is our God and that we are His people...
      - That we are adopted as His own children and that He has taken pity on us as a father pities his children...
    - b. And He makes two great covenant promises that I never grow tired of repeating to you:
      - 1) He says that He will forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more...
        - which He does through the offering of Christ in your behalf...
      - 2) And He says that He will write His law in our heart, and even give us a new heart that will delight in His ways...
        - which He does by giving us the Holy Spirit to work in us, to reveal the glory of Christ to us, and to transform us so that we become like Jesus...
          - what we have just been talking about.
    - c. You know that He has called you when He has opened your eyes to see your need of Christ...
      - and when you have trusted in Christ—taken hold of Him—as the only way of salvation...
        - reaching out with the hand of faith (as I have described) when you were drowning in the cesspool of sin and sinking under the terrible wrath of God.
  2. And here, in verse 6, you are asking God to remember this new relationship that He Himself has established with you...
    - To remember His tender mercies and to remember His lovingkindness...
      - a. **Tender mercies** refers to the pity that a father has for his child in his child's weakness...
        - A tenderness that does not look upon the child with the fiery eyes of a judge,
          - but with the compassion of a Father who is ready to help.
        - You are asking the Lord to remember that He has made you His child and to have mercy on you in all your failings as you go along in your training....
          - to be patient with you as you stumble along and blunder.



- But let me warn you—
  - This is not a mercy that you can claim if your heart is not toward Him!
  - If you have not yet been born again as His child so that your desire is toward Him!
  - If you are not trusting in Him and forsaking all others!
- This mercy is children’s mercy.
  - And oh, what a wonderful thing it is when you have become His child!

TRANS> He remembers His tender mercies toward you...

- Secondly, He remembers His lovingkindness.

b. **Lovingkindness** is that wonderful word Hased that speaks of God’s covenant love...

- Hased is loving loyalty, it is steadfast unshakable love—it is gracious love.
- It is love that is certain because of the two-fold promise of the covenant.
  - That He will forgive all our sins through Christ...
  - That He will write His law in our heart.

TRANS> What a grand assurance is in these two words!

- God will never forget to be merciful father and He will never forget to exercise His covenant love which He has solemnly promised...

3. And here, as you sing these words, you take extra comfort in that fact that His mercy and His lovingkindness are from of old...

a. Do you see that at the end of verse 6?

- It says that his tender mercies and lovingkindness are from of old...
- It is even stronger in the original...
  - A more literal translating is that these are from eternity!

b. And this is true!

- God declares to you that He has loved you—if you are elect—from before the foundation of the world!
  - His love for you is not a recent thing!
  - He had purposed to call you and to save you and to perfect you before Adam was even created!

- He had purposed to send Christ to redeem you and Christ had purposed to come from all eternity.
- Moreover, He was already exercising His tender mercy and His lovingkindness within His own glorious self—
  - The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were living in the beauty of what we know as mercy and covenanted love in all their dealings with each other.

TRANS> And so in asking God to remember His tender mercy and covenant love,

- We are really just asking Him to be like Himself!
  - To be true to what He has always been!

B. Verse 7 obviously flows out of verse 6...

1. Here we ask the Lord to **not** remember our sins and to remember us according to His mercy...
  - a. What a splendid combination of thoughts!
    - When we have come to Christ in faith, the Lord looks upon us in a way that is to our greatest advantage!
    - Instead of looking at us and seeing that long history of sin that we have accumulated over the years,
      - He looks at us as those who have been completely cleansed by the blood of Jesus...
      - Do you see that?
        - Instead of remembering the sins of our youth and all of our transgressions,
        - He remembers His mercy—
          - the word mercy is *hesed* again—His covenanted love—
            - the love that promises forgiveness and renewal in Christ!
  - b. How it changes every thing for you to have God look at you in this way...
    - To forget your sin and to remember His *hesed*!
    - Just think how it changes things—
      - You, who were headed for eternal misery are now the object of God's favour!
  - c. But I warn you, this only applies to you who are trusting in Christ
    - resting in Jesus who is given to you in that covenant to take away your sins.

- If you have not been gripped by your sin in such a way that you have reached out to take hold of Christ to save you,
    - then all your filthy sins are still clinging to you and God's anger is hot against you!
    - Unless you repent and turn to Christ,
      - you will miserably perish in your sins—
      - you will bear the shame and the penalty of them for all eternity.
2. But what confidence there is for all of you who are looking to Christ!
- God remembers His mercy and His promised love!
    - He remembers for His goodness sake—
      - Your confidence is not in your own goodness, but it is in His goodness—
        - in the goodness that provided Christ to save you...
        - And His goodness that delights to regard you with favour in grace who are resting in Christ!
    - Though there is no goodness in you, there is goodness in Him—
      - And it is in His goodness that we have confidence.

**Conclusion—**

- What an encouragement to go on with the Lord my brothers and sisters!
  - His mercy is sure, His covenant is certain!
  - You can lift up your soul to Him in absolute trust, knowing that He will not fail you...
  - You can look to Him to show you His ways—to reveal them to you and to lead you in them in a wonderful new life...
    - He cannot go back on His word...
    - He will not go back on His word...
      - Give yourself to Him wholly and you cannot go wrong!
    - His love is sure and steadfast, it can never fail...
      - It is sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ!
      - He will remember His covenant forever...
        - He will never forget what Jesus did for you...
        - He will never forget His promise to you...
          - Take heart—there is a glorious eternity before you if you have indeed laid hold of Jesus Christ.