

TITLE AND NUMBER: 256 Trust in God

REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES: Psalm 25:1-9



In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

LOOKING FURTHER: Luke 23:39-43; Psalm 25:1-21

What does the Bible passage tell us?

Verse 1 of this psalm is such a joy and delight: 'In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.' If it was continually on our lips, surely we would stay close to God. The psalmist, David, then goes on to bring us comfort by telling us that if we put our trust and hope in God, He will make sure that we are not made to feel ashamed. If we do ever feel ashamed—whether it is justified or not—He will lift us up from that feeling and help us to stay on track with Him. In verses 4 and 5, David asks God to show him His ways, teaching him and guiding him, for he says that God is his Saviour and his hope is constantly in Him. God wants to teach and guide us, too.

Towards the end of the passage, David asks God to think of him with mercy and love and not to focus on the sins and rebellious ways of his youth. Many of us might make that same request to God today! Do you remember the thief on the cross who said to Jesus, 'Remember me when you come into your kingdom'? To say that at such a time must have come from a feeling of great sadness, humility and repentance for the sins of his past. And, do you recall what did Jesus say in reply? 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise' (Luke 23:39-43).

David continues for the rest of this passage to praise God's goodness and to say that it is through this goodness that God teaches and guides us. It is sometimes said that the reason we can be good is not because we are good but because God is good. That is so true! Without God, we will not be the people He would love us to be. He longs to guide us and teach us, if only we will let Him. Try letting Him today.

Reflection

- Each morning, try saying verse 1 of this passage: 'In you, Lord my God, I put my trust'. If you find this difficult, try saying, 'Please, Lord God, help me to put my trust in you today.'
- If you ever feel ashamed, that is a good start to putting yourself right with God. Say you are sorry, ask for His forgiveness and for His guidance to live a better life.
- Praise God daily for His goodness.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Trust

Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for?
It's okay to talk to God about this.

