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**Topic: Teach Me Thy Way!**

Scripture text: Psalm 25:8-13

David, the writer of this Psalm, was undergoing a tough life with his enemies attempting to kill him. However, he did not attempt to use his own wisdom to approach the trials and tribulations in his life. He fled to God for refuge and to learn of His ways. Likewise, we need to be taught by God, whose ways and thoughts are higher than us. Let us learn and obey God's Word.

The only way we can learn of God's ways is through the Lord Jesus Christ. He teaches us through the Bible, the Word of God. We can have full confidence in His teachings because God is "good and upright" (v. 8). There is nothing evil and wicked in Him and His decrees are eternally good. Unlike sinners, whose ways are perverse and crooked, God is consistently upright and His ways are all in truth. Let us pattern our lives after Christ, glorify Him and flee from the alluring voices of the world.

The student of the Lord must be meek (v.9). He will be one who is humble before the Lord. David was meek when he understood that without the mercies of God, he would have been consumed (v. 10). David humbly acknowledged that he had sinned against the Lord and sought His forgiveness (v. 11). God is pleased to use those with a broken and contrite spirit to glorify His name.

The student of the Lord must also be one who fears the Lord (v. 12). To fear the Lord is to reverence God and His Word through a deep understanding of God. God will teach us His ways to live godly lives. We ought to fear God because all men will have to stand before Jesus Christ after death, to give an account of our works done on this earth. Reverence must lead to obedience.

The fruit of being taught by the Lord is peace in his heart because he is abiding in God's will. He will be a blessing to His children and they will one day reign together with Christ the King in the Millennial Kingdom (v. 13).