

## Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 25: 4-9

### **New International Version**

Show me your ways O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

### *The Message*

*Show me how you work, God; School me in your ways. Take me by the hand; Lead me down the path of truth. You are my Savior, aren't you? Mark the milestones of your mercy and love, God; Rebuild the ancient landmarks! Forget that I sowed wild oats; Mark me with your sign of love. Plan only the best for me, God! God is fair and just; He corrects the misdirected, Sends them in the right direction.*

What are the Lord's ways - and how do we learn them? God's ways are pure (or without sin); his ways are perfect and trustworthy; and his ways are "more precious than gold and sweeter than honeycomb". In the Lord's way, hope is certain - by what other source is forgiveness and salvation? By placing our hope in God, we learn his ways.

The Lord is good beyond our understanding of good; the love and mercy of God are boundless such that he saves us, forgiving us of our sins and bringing salvation through Jesus. While we have sinned and continue in sin, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from our sin and reconciles us to God through Jesus. Yes, God is good, merciful and loving beyond degree.

The Lord is the best of all teachers in that his instruction is throughout life and comes with the certainty that graduation is not an event but rather a lifestyle like Jesus; that learning is not for academic reasons or even professional development, but is for equipping us to know God and to glorify his name.

The Lord disciplines those that he loves as a father the son he delights in. With humbleness, we approach God and by discipline, we learn and grow in wisdom and understanding. **So what are you waiting for?**

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