

## MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

### **TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD**

**Psalms 25:4, 27:11, 86:11**

In the midst of troubles in life, do you pray for the right things?  
Three Psalms of David – all heart-cries to God for help in the midst of trouble (25, 27, 86) – can help us in our praying.

#### **1. Beset with trouble, cry to the Lord.**

Scan through each of these and many other Psalms and list the woes threatened the Psalmist

- his own sins & guilt, his weakness, his many enemies.

What does He plead for? Deliverance from guilt & trouble, of course!

And so may we – through faith in Christ & His intercession with the Father for all who come humbly in earnest & honest prayer.

But that is not all he prays for ...

#### **2. Teach me Your way, O Lord! - Psalm 25:4,5, 27:11, 86:11**

Troubles in life may confuse us. What should I do? What is right?

It is only human to want trouble & pain to go away.

It is the desire of the true child of God to know His path to follow through the maze of conflicting voices.

God's way, His path = His truth (Ps.25:4,5, 86:11).

HIS truth! Not "truth for me" (subjective), but His truth –

objective, the same for all times & all people, revealed by Him.

Someone might think, "Doesn't he have more pressing things to be concerned about than to be praying for a Bible lesson?"

The answer is, No. WE are engaged in a spiritual WAR.

The enemy of our souls uses troubles, pain, pressures from the world to confuse & seduce us. "The fog of war" is an apt expression.

His aim is to have us back in his dark realm,

or at least to make us useless in the service of Christ.

- Will God forgive my sins? If not, what's the use praying & hoping?

- When the only way out of trouble seems to be wrong, can it really be right "this time"?

- If everyone is "doing it," maybe it's not really wrong? Etc.

We NEED God constantly teaching us the right way to live for Him.

When pulled in other ways, we need to know God's way,

AND we need "integrity & uprightness" to preserve us (25:21),

- hearts "united" (whole & undivided) in the fear of God (86:11).

#### **3. How does God teach us His way? By His Word & Spirit**

He has REVEALED His way (His truth) in His Word by the Spirit.

You must put yourself where His Word is faithfully taught & apply your mind & heart to it. PRAY earnestly to God (like David).

It begins with Christ, the living Word, our only Redeemer from sin – & faith in Him, repenting faith that wants to grow in obedience.

The more of His Word you have IN you, the clearer the path before you.