

God YOU are My REFUGE ~ Psalm 25:11-22

→ Scripture Reading **Psalm 25:14-21**

INTRODUCTION

Columbus sailed the ocean blue...

Thirty days hath September...

God's

Riches

At

Christ's

Expense

These are examples of **Mnemonic Devices** for Memorization.

The Lord is My FOCUS ~ Psalm 25:11- 15

¹¹ For the sake of Your Name, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. ¹² Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. ¹³ He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. ¹⁴ The LORD confides in those who fear Him; He makes His covenant known to them. ¹⁵ My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only He will release my feet from the snare.

IMPLICATION

→ **God has a Personal PLAN for our us**

¹² The LORD shows His FAITHFUL followers **the WAY they should live.** (NET)

¹⁴ The LORD's LOYAL followers **receive His guidance...** (NET)

Titus 2:11-12 (NIV) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Titus 2:13-14 (NIV) while we **WAIT for the blessed HOPE** - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to REDEEM US from all wickedness and **to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.**

What is God's Plan?

- to REDEEM us from slavery to Sin
- PURIFY us FOR Himself
- make us His OWN People
- who are EAGER to do what is GOOD

→ **I am a FRIEND of God**

¹⁴ The FRIENDSHIP of the LORD is for those who FEAR him... (ESV)

John 15:15 (NET) I no longer call you slaves, because the slave does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have revealed to you everything I heard from my Father.

James 2:23 (NLT) And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God.

Guard My LIFE Oh Lord ~ Psalm 25:16-22

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. ¹⁸ Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. ¹⁹ See how my enemies have increased and how fiercely they hate me! ²⁰ Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You. ²¹ May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in You. ²² Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

May single-hearted devotion to God and honorable behavior towards men BE as guardian angels at my side. Kirkpatrick

What TRUST believes by FAITH it WAITS for by HOPE...Spurgeon

IMPLICATION

→ Is it is PROPER to use IMPERATIVES as we PRAY?

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV) Let us then with CONFIDENCE draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gk. Confidently or Boldly- to be Open, Honest, and Transparent before God

To Come BOLDLY to God asking for what **ONLY He can DO**

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV) This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your NAME, ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

APPLICATION

It IS WELL with our SOULS When... Spurgeon

- our SORROWS remind us of our sins
- we are Very CLEAR about our sins
- we are SERIOUS about seeking Forgiveness
- we bring our DESIRE for Deliverance to God
- we willingly EMBRACE our Sorrows

TAKE AWAY ??

→ My HOPE is in God ALONE

¹⁵ My eyes are ever on the LORD, for **ONLY HE will release** my feet from the snare.

²¹ May integrity and uprightness protect me, because **my HOPE is in You**.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV) We continually remember before our God and Father your **WORK** produced by **faith**, your **LABOR** prompted by **love**, and your **ENDURANCE inspired by HOPE** in our Lord Jesus Christ.