

When Life Happens

Psalm 25

Here's the "BLUF" (bottom line up front) – *Keep your eyes on God!*

Psalm 25 is one of the acrostic psalms – there is an alphabetical flow in that Hebrew each verse began with a Hebrew letter that provided a succession. Perhaps to aid in memory? or to build a succession of practical thought?

There is also a discernable rhythm in the order of the psalm:

- Seven verses at beginning (v. 1-7) and end (v. 16-22) are addressed to God in prayer.
- The eight verse in the middle (v. 8-15) flow in a pattern – 3 verses, 1 verse, then 3 verses, 1 verse. In these two "3-1" sections we have the character of God and His actions that flow from it AND man's view of God and God's blessings that flow toward such a heart.
- In the middle of the eight "middle" verse section is another prayer (v. 11). This gives 3 prayers...at the start, middle and end of the psalm. Due to the content of those 3 prayers it has been suggested that it fits the oft-natural flow of a day with morning, noon and evening prayer.

Morning Prayer v. 1-7	Life Happens & Mid-Day Prayer – v. 8-15	Evening Prayer v. 16-22
Worship, trust, hunger, desire...	v. 8-11 – God's Character & Actions...	Help!
	v. 11 – God's goodness, but I fail...prayer for mercy.	
	v. 12-15 – Man's View of God & His Resultant Blessings...	
	v. 15 – Wow! I want Him...He'll protect me from problems.	

"I want a God like that!"



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