PSALMS | AMEN Bible Study 2018-19

The Importance of Waiting for God Psalm 25 November 8, 2018

Introduction

2 Large Ideas

Vs.1 – The issues of life are spiritual ("I lift up my soul")
Vs. 2 – In what/whom is your ultimate trust? ("O my God, in you I trust")

4 Areas of David's Experience

Enemies (2-3, 19-20)

Our enemies are spiritual – 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 2:11

His Sin and God's Mercy

Vs. 6 – "Remember..."

Vs. 7 – "Do not Remember"

Vs. 11

What does God do with pardoned sins? Psalm 32, 51; Isa. 43.25; Jer. 31.34; Romans 8, Col. 2

Guidance

(v.8-14) "ways...paths"

Proverbs 3:5,6, 16:7-9

Jesus – "I am the Way" John 14:6

Early Christians - "The Way" - Acts 9:2, 19:9,23

Wait/Trust

(vs.3,5,21) Time has a meaningful purpose in our lives: Slow down, Let God show you the next steps.

Ps. 37:5-7, 23-24 - "Be still and wait patiently for Him"

Stop talking and listen

It is a life-long process

Look to the Redeemer – vs. 22

He sets us free by the paying of a price

Is there anything you have set your whole heart on (trust) but God?

Discussion Questions

- 1. Why is it important for a Christian to understand that "the issues of life are essentially spiritual?" What kinds of issues do we sometimes mistake as "essential" in our lives?
- 2. Read 2 Peter 2:11 What kinds of things "war" against our souls?
- 3. Read Psalm 25:7 Are you totally convinced that, by Christ's atonement, the Father does not ever remember our sins? See Ps. 32:1,2 and Ps. 51
- 4. How would you describe the way God leads our lives? 25:4,5,9,12 Proverbs 3:5,6; 62:1,9
- 5. What do you understand to be wise about "waiting" for the Lord? 25:5,21; 27:13-14; 37:7; 62:1,7
- 6. In light of the teaching of Ps. 25 about God's ways/paths, what is so significant about Jesus calling Himself "The Way" (John 14:6)?

Going Deeper

- 1. What is operating in the place of Jesus Christ as your real, functional trust as your salvation and savior?
- 2. What else are you trusting in order to justify yourself?
- 3. Whatever it is, it is empty trust you must reject it, and run to Ch