

February 21, Psalms 25 vs 8 - 15, The secret of the Lord

Morning prayer:

Lord, on what basis should I be confident that you will instruct and teach me today?

The basis for God condescending and teaching us is not because we've earned it, but because of his goodness and uprightness. This is transformative - Don't appeal to God on the basis of your own goodness, appeal to him on the basis of his. This is why he remembers you not according to the sins of your youth, but according to his steadfast love. This steadfast love is so abundant that it enable him to instruct you as a saint who sins.

Afternoon prayer:

Do I see my iniquity as a very great, oh, Lord?

Iniquity is the process of wandering away from God. As in the song, Be Thou my Vision... "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love, here's my heart, oh take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above". "He who's been forgiven much loves much" We've been forgiven a Great debt - We should love much. "Pardon our iniquity because it is great". We have taken advantage of your grace and disrespected you. We have practiced pathologies in our minds of using you and your goodness only to wander away from you. Heal us Lord!

Evening prayer:

Oh, Lord, who is the one who fears you?

The one who fears the Lord, is the one who understands his paths as abundance of mercy. He doesn't minimize the work at the cross as another self-help book to be used just to improve our life, rather standing in awe of the Lord. No, the one who fears the Lord, he's like the centurion says "Truly this man was the Son of God"... Who I just Stabbed. And like the crowd who returned "beating their chest". To see Jesus properly in the good new is to be broken over our sin, and be pierce to our heart.

This person will understand the secret of the Lord. God will make him know the joy of the new covenant based on the Holy Spirit performing what is required of us for the namesake of the work of Christ on the cross.

"And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last. 47 Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent." 48 And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts." -Luke 23:46-48 and Mark 15:39