

## STRUCTURE OF PSALM 25

Acrostic Verse Chiasm

Translation

A	Introduction and Conclusion
B	Prayers for deliverance from enemies and shame
C	Prayers for teaching in the Lord's ways and the Lord's answer to them
D	Prayers for forgiveness

Of David

	1	A	To you, Yahweh, I will lift up my soul.
aleph	2	B	O my God, in you I trust. Do not let me be ashamed. Do not let my enemies exult over me.
beth	3		Also, all those who wait on you, do not let them be ashamed. Let those who act treacherously in vain be ashamed.
gimel	4	C	Your ways, O Yahweh, cause me to know. Your paths teach me.
daleth	5		Cause me to take the way of your truth, for you are the God of my salvation. On you I wait all the day.
he	6	D	Remember your mercies, O Yahweh, and your kindnesses, for they are from everlasting.
<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 15px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	7		<b>The sins of my youth and my transgressions do not remember.</b> According to your kindness remember me, and for the sake of your goodness, O Yahweh.
zayin	8	C	Good and upright is Yahweh. Therefore he will direct sinners in the way.
heth	9		He will cause the afflicted to take the way of judgment, and he will teach the afflicted his way.
teth	10		All the paths of Yahweh are kindness and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
yod	11	D	<b>For the sake of your name, O Yahweh, pardon my iniquity for it is great.</b>
kaph	12	C	Who is the man who fears Yahweh? He will instruct him in the way he will choose.
lamed	13		His soul in good will abide, and his offspring will take possession of the land.
mem	14		The secret counsel of Yahweh is with those who fear him, and his covenant he will cause them to know.
nun	15	D	My eyes are continually toward Yahweh, for he will cause my feet to come forth from the net.
samek	16		Turn to me and be gracious to me, for solitary and afflicted am I.
ayin	17		The distresses of my heart increase. From my straits cause me to come forth.
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tsadde 18

**See my affliction and my toil  
and bear all my sins.**

19

B

See my enemies for they are many,  
and with violent hatred they hate me.

resh 20

Keep my soul and deliver me.

shin 21

Do not let me be ashamed for I seek refuge in you.

Let integrity and uprightness keep me,  
for I wait on you.

tau 22

A

Ransom Israel, O God, from all his distresses.

Two letters are missing from the acrostic, waw and qoph