

I. Psalm 25:14

The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him

A. Meaning of secret

1. Fellowship
2. Intimacy
3. Friendship

B. Benefit for David

1. Growth of faith - The Lord is my...
2. Understanding of His ways
3. Disclosure of his heart
 - a) Indirect prophecy
 - b) Direct prophecy

C. Benefit for Us

1. We will not be given revelation in a formal sense
2. We will grow in our understanding of Him in the circumstances He creates
 - a) Growth in faith
 - b) Understanding of His ways
 - c) Entering into His heart

II. Organization of the Psalms

A. Like a hymn book

1. Organization is often hard to follow if you did not do the work
2. Difference is that the Spirit of God lead the writers of Scripture

- B. Psalms are valuable as individual works
- C. Psalms are often grouped
 - 1. Some formally
 - a) Songs of Ascents - Psalms 120-134
 - b) Hallel (The Praises) - Psalms 113-118, Psalms 146-150
 - 2. Some informally
 - a) Why are you in despair? - Psalms 42-43
 - b) I will sing to the Lord - Psalm 95-101
 - 3. Some solely by the hand of God
 - a) Psalms 22-24
 - b) Some sovereignly used - Psalms 115-118

III. Theme of the Psalms

- A. Praise is theme - recounting the goodness and faithfulness of God to His people
- B. Key line from the Psalms
 - 1. *Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting*
- C. Psalm 100
- D. Psalms 135-136
 - 1. Sung everyday at the time of the sacrifice
- E. Psalms 146-150
 - 1. Praise Him because He is good
 - 2. Praise Him because He is faithful
 - 3. Let everything praise Him