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How well do you wait?



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The Problem

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SHAME = In addition to guilt or embarrassment, shame includes **the feeling of deep disappointment or disgrace when a particular hope or trust fails.**





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What does David do?

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they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

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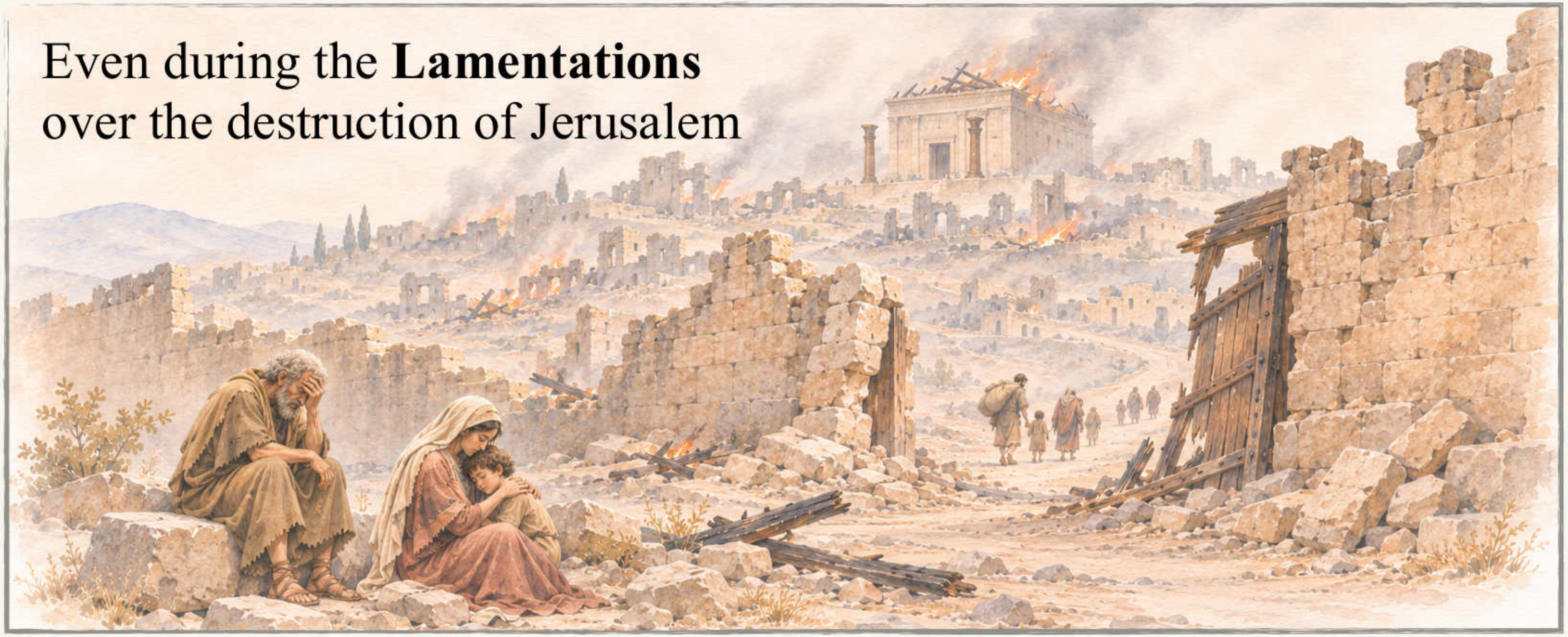
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4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

- Lord, if I am on the wrong path, turn me around. Teach me your paths.
- Lord, Lord, help me know you better.

Don't become so focused on what you are waiting for God to do that you miss what God wants to do in you.



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"6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. 11 For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great."



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Waiting is a time to confront the lies we tell ourselves about God and about ourselves. *We confront these lies through confession.*

- Lord, you are good, faithful, and keep your promises
- Lord, for your name's sake, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Don't allow your circumstances to define God's character



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"12 Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. 13 His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. 14 The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. 15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net."

"The fear of the Lord" is about a deep reverence, awe, and respect that leads to trust and obedience. It means living in right relationship with God: knowing who He is, knowing who we are, and living accordingly.

The fear of the Lord does not drive us away from God; it draws us into friendship with Him.



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16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. 18 Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. 19 Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. 20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

David comes before God not with his accomplishments, but with his needs.

"You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary." Jonathan Edwards



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What David does while waiting. ***(How does a person Wait For The Lord?)***

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21 … for I wait for you. ***(Notice, David is still waiting)***

The Lord is good. He is faithful. He is merciful. His steadfast love endures. **He is worthy of your trust, and your trust in Him is never misplaced.** *"The LORD is good to those who wait for him."*



The Gospel in Psalm 25

(2) “O my God, in you I trust.”

(14) “14 The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him”

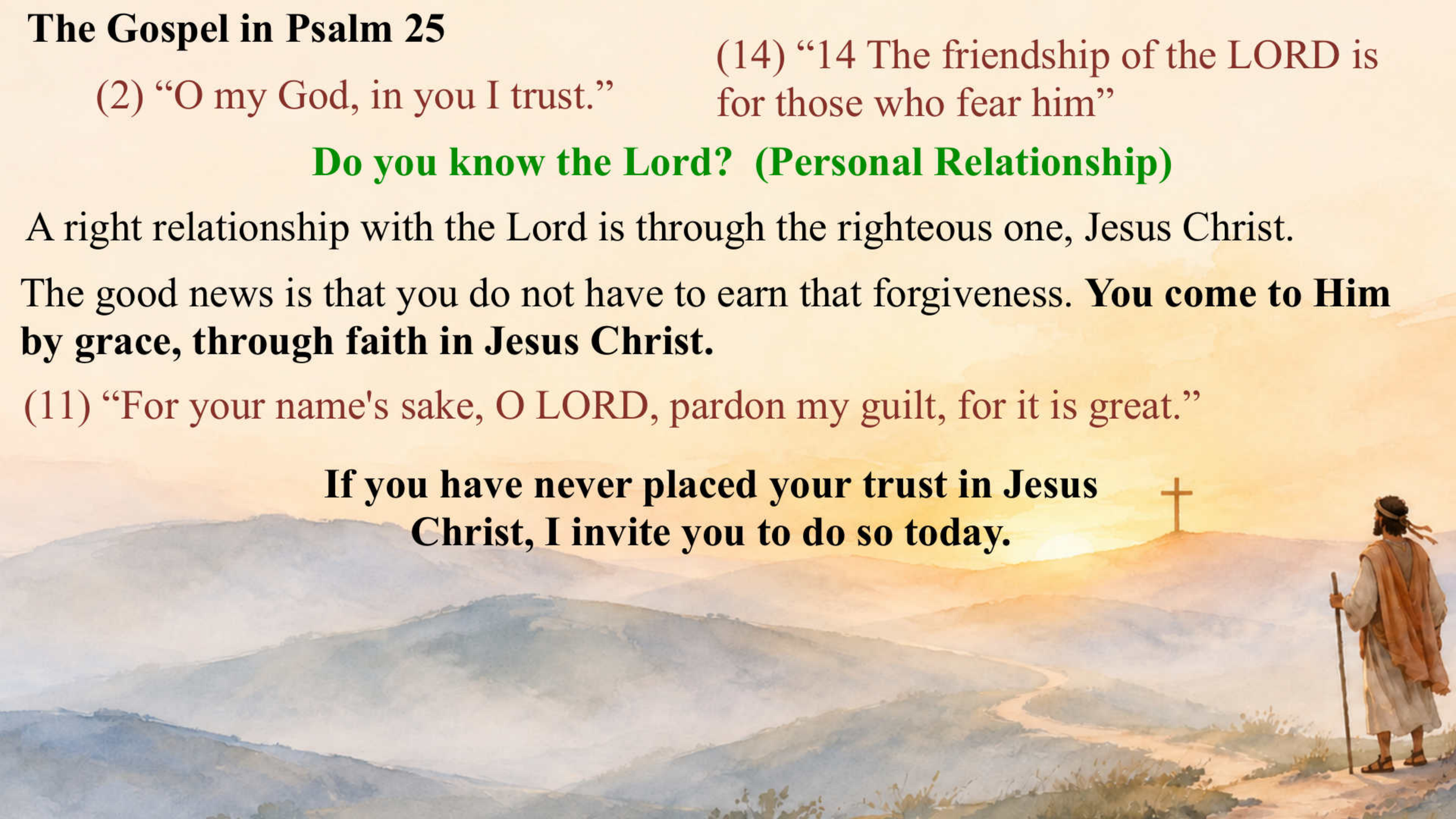
Do you know the Lord? (Personal Relationship)

A right relationship with the Lord is through the righteous one, Jesus Christ.

The good news is that you do not have to earn that forgiveness. **You come to Him by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.**

(11) “For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.”

If you have never placed your trust in Jesus Christ, I invite you to do so today.



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