

“Show me, Teach me, Lead me!”

I. **INTRO:**

- A. Imagine the best 5 layer cake. **What kind did you come up with?** (white on white)
1. Did anyone think of all the layers just **cake** & no **frosting**?
 2. “Layers” infer a difference.
- B. **Outline:** **Five layers!** **Prayer** (1-7); **Meditation** (8-10); **Prayer** (v. 11); **Meditation** (12-15); **Prayer** (16-22).
1. In our Christian lives there should be a **balance** between **Prayer** (**talking** to God, in God’s presence) **and Meditation** (**thinking** about God, in God’s presence).
 2. **The prayer is repetitive.** We often **repeat ourselves** in order to emphasize something; so when we’re **talking to God** we can do the same.
 - a) He tells God twice that he’s **waiting** on him (5,21);
 - b) He asks for **pardon** 3 times (7,11,18).
- C. **Framework** - Alphabetical Prayer, with an occasional irregularity.
1. Deals with the **pressure of his enemies; need of guidance; & the burden of guilt!** {Deal with any of these?}
 2. Last verse isn’t tied in (to the Hebrew alphabet); but it lays claim for **Israel** what **David** has petitioned for himself.
 - a) It turns a **personal plea**, into a hymn for the **whole congregation!**
- D. **Theme:** The prayer is basically a **cry for help**, interspersed with **praise**. **Praise to God** for being the sort of God who **helps those in trouble!**
1. **Do you need help in making decisions for your life?**
 2. **What kind of people** does God guide?
 - a) Both of these are answered in this prayer/praise/song/cry.

II. **FIVE LAYER PRAYER CAKE!**

- A. **PRAYER!** (1-7)
- B. (3) Your not **wasting time** when you **wait** on the Lord in prayer.
1. “On every level of life from **housework** to heights of **prayer**, in all judgment & all efforts to get things done, **hurry & impatience** are sure marks of the **amateur.**” Evelyn Underhill

- C. (4) **Ask** - God wants to **show** you **His ways**; **teach** you **His paths**; **lead** you in **His truths**.
- D. (6,7) He will **show, teach, & lead** those who are **clean!** (not perfect, just pure in heart)
1. **Read Ps.66:18,19** it applies here.
- E. (6,7) **Remember, remember not** - God's "remembering" is active & certain.
1. H will remember your **sins**(7), or remember **you**(6)!
- F. **MEDITATION!** (8-10)
- G. He will **show, teach, & lead** those who **obey**. He doesn't guide **rebels**.
1. **Read Ps.32:8,9** it applies here.
- H. **Humble** - We don't have to be **perfect** for God to guide us, just **obedient**.
1. Humble means *yielded to God*.
 2. If we obey what God already has told us, then He will show us the next step.
 3. His guidance is not a **spotlight**; it's a **lamp** that illuminates each step!
 - a) **Scripture?** Ps.119:105 **Your word is a lamp to my feet & a light to my path.**
 - b) **Explain little ceramic lamp in Israel.**
- I. **PRAYER!** (11)
- J. Central point.
- K. **MEDITATION!** (12-15)
- L. (14) **Secret** - **Did your father** entrust you with some information that others weren't privy to? {My dad where his loaded 22 was in his room, growing up. What it was like in the depression selling lil baskets of veggies for a nickel}
1. **Your heavenly Father seeks to whisper His secrets to you also.**
 2. (NKJV) The **secret** of the Lord is with those who fear him;
(NIV) The Lord **confides** in those who fear him;
(ESV) The **friendship** of the Lord is for those who fear him.
 3. All very good translations. "There are **secret passages of love** between **Christ the believing soul!**" (F.B.Meyer; Our Daily Homily)
 4. It is **high fellowship; deep blessedness; special friendship**.
 - a) **No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.** Jn.15:15

5. **Jesus longs for friends!** No, **not need base, desire base.**

- a) Meaning those whom He can tell His **desires** to. Entrust His secrets to.
- b) **Has God ever shared with you any of His joys?**

M. Isn't it strange when people go to a ***palm reader/psychic*** they desire to know the future, rather than to know the God of the future.

1. **If they could really talk to this "super-being" why wouldn't they ever want to know Him?** (e.i. **No personality?** Just a **Tevo God**, except inside of rewind, He/it can go forward)

N. The **white stone** of Rev.2:17, a new name written **no one knows** except him who receives it...*Shhh it's a Secret!*

O. **PRAYER!** (16-22)

P. (21) **Wait** - this one word marked a big difference between **David & Saul**.

1. **See 1 Sam.26:10; 13:8-14.** [David waited on God]

Q. **Ps:** **He didn't have his prayer answered yet.**

1. It doesn't end like almost every Christian movie, where everything ends well.
2. No, it ends with **confidence in God** even when He **hasn't** answered yet.