**SERMON SHEET 1/1/23**

**“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord, #24”**

**New Year’s Day Message**

**Text: Psalm 31:3; John 14:5-6**

I. Introduction

II. A confident prayer for God’s guidance

III. A trustworthy Savior who is God’s way

IV. Conclusion: a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Charles Spurgeon:

* *The tried soul avows its full confidence in God. Faith’s repetitions are not vain. The avowal upon our reliance upon God in times of adversity is a principal method of glorifying Him.*
* *We are not merely being led sometimes, but we have a perpetual guide; not occasionally left to our own understanding, and so to wander, but continually hearing the guiding voice of the Great Shepherd; and if we keep close to His heels, we will not drift but will be led by a right way to our eternal dwelling.*

2. James M. Boice:

* *We know by faith that God is many things, because the Bible tells us he is. But this is a very different thing from proving God to be those things in our personal experience. Do you believe that God is all powerful? Of course, you do. Then pray that he will prove himself strong in your weakness. Do you believe that God is wise. Of course! Then ask him to display his wisdom in the ordering of your life.*
* *“You are… , then be…” should be the prayer of every Christian*.

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

* **Ps. 40:5**
* **Job 1:21; Job 13:15**
* **Ps. 23:3; Is. 58:11**
* **James 1:5-6**
* **Ps. 109:21**
* **1 Cor. 1:30; Col. 2:1-3**
* **John 1:4; John 11:25; 1 John 5:11**