

GOD'S CHOICE

PSALM 4

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* GOD CHOOSES THOSE WHO CHOOSE HIM!

(Those who are right with Him and trust in Him are His choice)

2 key ideas in passage are righteousness and faith.

I. GOD CHOOSES TO HEAR THE ONE WHO IS RIGHT WITH HIM (v. 1-5)

(No need to be distressed: God hears the cry of the righteous)

A. THE SOURCE OF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (God) (v. 1)

B. THE STUPIDITY OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (v. 2) (believing lies of Absalom)

C. THE STEPS OF RIGHTEOUS LIVING (v. 3-5)

1. Get serious about God (v. 3-4a)

a. Love God (v. 3)

b. Fear God (v. 4a)

2. Get serious about your life (v. 4b-5)

To be righteous you must:

a. Give God your attention (v. 4b)

b. Give God your best (what is right) (v. 5a)

c. Give God your confidence (trust) (v. 5b)

II. GOD CHOOSES TO COMFORT THE ONE WHO IS RESTING IN HIM

(v. 6-8)

(no need to be depressed: God comforts the heart of the trusting believer)

A. HE COMFORTS BY GIVING US GLADNESS (v. 6-7)
(God cheers us up)

B. HE COMFORTS BY GIVING US SECURITY (v. 8)
(God keeps us safe)