

Psalm 5

To the Chief Musician. With Flutes. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.
- 2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.
- 3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You,
And I will look up.
- 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with
You.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.
- 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and
deceitful man.
- 7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of
You I will worship toward Your holy temple.
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way
straight before my face.
- 9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat
is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in
the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.
- 11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy,
because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.
- 12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a
shield.

A Morning Prayer **Psalm 5**

INTRO:

In **Psalm 5**, David gave us a song to help us better understand our praying, and also to rehearse our personal God's great holiness and love toward us. This song appears to have five stanzas.

I. Start with Prayer (1-3)

II. The Character of God (4-6)

III. We Still Can Come to God Through Grace (v.7-8)

IV. The Wicked Lose (v. 9-10)

V. The Righteous Are Blessed (11-12)

I. Start with Prayer (1-3)

vs. 1-3 "Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up."

A. This hymn begins with a plea for God to hear his prayer. First, David pleads with God to hear his "***words.***" The "***voice of my cry***" is "***groanings.***" David knew that Yahweh his personal God heard our words and also the deep feelings of our hearts which could not be put into words.

B. Second, notice the parallel description of the LORD. He is our personal faithful God whose name is Yahweh, and He is David's King and God! This is not some minor deity David addressed. He is the sovereign God of the Universe.

C. Third, Yahweh is so important that David will speak to Him every morning and He will set his prayer in order, and he will watch with expectancy because this personal God answers prayer.

II. The Character of God (4-6)

vs. 4-6 "For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man."

A. David is extra diligent and careful when he prays, because he recognized God's character. Our Lord is entirely holy. He absolutely hates sin. While this is not an encouraging thing to us, we come to Him knowing He sees who we really are.

B. In **1 John 1**, John reminded us of this reality.

1 John 1:3-7 "That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship

with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

God’s holiness is the center of our fellowship.

III. We Still Can Come to God through Grace (v.7-8)

vs. 7-8 “But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your steadfast love; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.”

A. The way to Yahweh’s presence is never our merit. We come based on the forgiveness we have in salvation. David knew this too. Twice in **Psalm 25** David spoke of His sin and guilt.

(v.7) “Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your loving Kindness remember me, For Your goodness’ sake, O LORD.”

Again in verse 11 David wrote:

“For Your name’s sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.”

B. By grace alone we can come into God’s presence. David wants to dwell in the place of God’s faithfulness and the place of God’s desire. David wanted to please God.

IV. The Wicked Lose (v. 9-10)

vs. 9-10 “For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue. Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.”

A. David needed His personal God to lead him because those against him could not help him find God’s will. The evil person is unreliable and misleading.

B. Evil people will not get away with their evil. Someday God will indeed, ***Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.”*** God will one day make all things right.

V. The Righteous Are Blessed (11-12)

vs. 11-12 “But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.”

A. Two thoughts to encourage those who put their trust in Yahweh. First, we should all rejoice who trust in You, Yahweh, they should shout for joy (equivalent to rejoicing) because the Lord defends them. Someday everything will be made right. Injustice will be done away and the Lord will be our God.

B. Second, we who have Jesus as our Savior can rejoice because God will bless us and wrap us in us up with His favor as a full length shield. Although we do not merit this because of God's great grace God will care for us and defend us against those who would do us harm.

How about us?

Do we prepare our prayers before Him? Thinking about them and presenting them regularly?

Do we realize the LORD God we serve actively hates sin? What about our lives? Do we seriously try to overcome our sin? Do we keep our accounts short with God so unconfessed sin does not hamper our fellowship?

We must draw near through grace alone. We deserve nothing. God gives us what we do not deserve.

The fact is the wicked shall be condemned, the righteous will be blessed.

Hymn #186 *The Old Rugged Cross*