

Psalm 4:1-8

It is believed that Psalm 3-4 are connected. If that be the case, then the ones David is addressing in Psalm 4 are those who had joined up with Absalom in pursuit of David to kill him so Absalom could become king.

- I. *To the Chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David*
- A. *Chief Musician*
1. The one who oversaw the _____ in the Temple services
 2. Their duties and responsibilities are found in 1 Chronicles 6:31-32; 15:16-22; 25:1 & 7
- B. *Neginoth*-possible meaning is a _____ instrument
- C. *A Psalm of David*-identifies who wrote the Psalm
- II. David asks for God to hear his prayer and shares the _____ for his request Vs 1
- A. God was David's God and David _____ his righteousness came from God alone
- B. God had been David's strength when he was in distress (adversity, _____, trouble, pursued by my _____)
- C. David trusted in God's mercy
1. God's _____ kindness and forgiveness of our sin
 2. God's pity on us in our _____ situation
- D. Every time God hears our prayers it is a _____ of His mercy toward us
- III. David addresses those who have become his _____ Vs 2-5
- A. David _____ them concerning their continual attack on him Vs 2
1. *How long will ye turn my glory into shame*-how long will you continue to dishonor me and attempt to bring _____ on me?
 2. *How long will ye love vanity*-how long will you continue to pursue that which is empty and _____?
 3. *How long will you seek after leasing*-how long will you continue to pursue lies and _____?
- B. David points their thoughts to God and _____ from himself Vs 3-5
1. The person who is godly (good, by God's standard; merciful, holy) God has claimed for His own, and to go _____ God's possession is to go against God Vs 3a
 2. Being God's possession, David let his enemies know that he had taken his case to God and God was _____ of what was going on and how it was affecting His possession. Vs 3b
 3. In light of the magnificence of God, David _____ his enemies to turn to God in repentance and submission. Vs 4-5
 - a. Stand in reverence of God and _____ yourself before Him Vs 4a
 - b. Talk to God and _____ to what He has to say to you Vs 4b
 - c. Once you have submitted to God
 1. *Offer the sacrifices of righteousness*-those offered in a _____ heart of worship to God, not just going through the motions for image sake Vs 5a
 2. *Put your trust in the LORD*-as David had done, and not in Absalom who obviously was _____ a follower of God Vs 5b

- IV. David _____ those who trust in God and those who do not Vs 6-8
- A. Those who do not trust in God live a life of _____ and uncertainty Vs 6a
- B. The response of those who trust in God especially when dealing with unrest and uncertainty
1. *Lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us-LORD, make your presence _____ to us so that the light of your countenance will remove all doubt and fear Vs 6b*
 2. *Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased Vs 7*
 - a. God has given me peace and joy during this time of _____, and
 - b. That peace far _____ the joy and peace experienced in the "good" times
 3. *I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety Vs 8*
 - a. The peace you give me will _____ me to rest even in the midst of great difficulty.
 - b. The reason is God is the refuge, fortress, anchor of the soul, and our _____ is in Him alone.