

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 5

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 5

Introduction

This Psalm is written to the chief musician upon Nehiloth – generally thought to be a flute, or some type of wind instrument.

Again, this Psalm, as well as the three previous Psalms can be said to contain three things:

- 1 The personal experience of David
- 2 A picture of Israel during the Great Tribulation
- 3 Practical Teaching for the saints of any age

This is the first imprecatory Psalm – asking for judgment upon enemies. This is also known as a mourning Psalm, or a Psalm of lament. It has also been called a morning Psalm.

In this Psalm David basically asks God to do two things: help him, and harm his enemies.

Are we to pray for God to harm our enemies in the dispensation that we are living in? See **Matthew 5:38 - 48**

I David's Prayer (vs. 1 - 4)

Notice that David met with God in the morning.

Jesus did too

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." - (Mark 1:35)

But David also met with God throughout the day:

"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." - (Psalm 55:17)

We are to pray without ceasing, but I think it is important to carve out some time in the early morning to meet with God.

Dr. Gray used to say: "Pray for men when they are sleeping, so you can work with them when they're awake."

"The moment you wake up each morning, all your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists in shoving it all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in." (C S Lewis)

"He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day." (John Bunyun)

"What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use--men of prayer, men mighty in prayer." (E M Bounds)

Practical Tips on Prayer

The Back Up Method:

Where is the first place you have to be in the morning? That is your starting point.

How much time do you need to get dressed and ready?

How much time do you need to prepare and eat a breakfast?

Is there anything else that you have to do before you can leave? If so – how much time do you need for those things?

Calculate your time.

Now subtract the time that you would like to spend with God in the morning. If you are organized in your prayer time and Bible reading, you really do not need that much time. (Explain) This is your get-up time

Now subtract back how much sleep your body requires. This is the time that you need to go to bed.

II Distinct People (vs. 5 – 7)

David is contrasting himself with the lost people around him. Remember, these people were the sworn enemies of David, as well as the enemies of God. He is not speaking about a brother that he is at odds with. He is talking about people that are out to kill Him, and people that want to remove God and God's people from their world.

III Dissimilar Petitions (vs. 8 – 12)

David asks God to help him to live a righteous and holy life in front of his enemies. Your enemies would love to see you fall.

This is a good thing for us to pray for today. We should ask for God to help us to live uprightly in this sinful world.

David also asks God to destroy his enemies (God's enemies).

Notice the phrase "open sepulcher" see [Romans 3:9 – 23](#)

In Romans that phrase is used for all lost mankind, all men in their natural state or fallen condition. This would include all of us.

Note – we are not to pray for God to destroy anybody. We are to pray for their salvation. However, though God would have us to pray for the lost and wicked around us, He would not have us participate in what they are doing.

David also asks that the righteous would keep their heads up, even when surrounded by evil, because God will settle the score some day. He will judge the wicked, and He will bless the righteous. We are on the right team. Hang in there.

That's a good thing for us to do. Hang in there. God has got your back. Stick with the game plan. We will win in the end.