

A pass through
The Psalms

Week 5: Psalm 5



(1-2) Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning. Give attention to
the sound of my cry, my King and my
God, for to you do I pray.



David repeats the **same idea**
three times in the opening stanza:

Give ear to *my words*

Consider *my groaning*

Give attention to *my cry*

David is pleading with God, asking him to consider, take into account & understand his cry for help.



David doesn't take for granted that the
God of the universe would give ear to
his request & plight.



David stresses his respect & utter dependence on God **three times** .

○ LORD

My King

My God

David escalates his reverence and
raises God's position.

Yehovah (Lord, master)

Melek (King, royalty)

Elohim (God, mighty Judge)



(3) O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

David prays in the morning, emphasizing the importance of God in his life & his desire to go to God before all else.



David prays in the morning, emphasizing that his relationship with God is in first place in his life.



David prays in the morning, emphasizing the regularity of his prayers and his time with God.



David admits that prayer must be coupled with a right **standing** with God if the prayer is to be accepted.



David's prayer doesn't end with words
but rather an eager expectation of
what God will do...

...*you hear* my voice;
I prepare a sacrifice for you
and watch

“watch”

(tsaphah)

*to lean forward,
to peer into the distance,
to await,
to watch expectantly...*

(4-5) For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.



David emphatically
condemns
the wicked!



God despises wickedness

Evil cannot reside with God

The proud will not stand
in his presence

God hates those who do evil

The condemnation continues...



(6) You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and
deceitful man.



God utterly hates deceivers

God totally abhors murderers

God will destroy all who have
embraced and live the lie

David paints a clear picture of God's hatred not only of sin, but of men & women who do evil.

The boastful

All evildoers

Those who speak lies

The bloodthirsty & deceitful man

God not only hates sin,
but he hates all who embrace sin.



David confirms that all those who do not turn from evil and come to God through sacrifice and a right relationship will be punished & utterly destroyed.



(7) But I, through the abundance of your
steadfast love, will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.



(8) Lead me, O LORD, in your
righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.



David contrasts himself with the wicked. And speaks confidently about his standing with God!



David paints a clear picture of
his relationship with God.

I will enter your house

I will bow down & fear

You will lead me in righteousness

You will make my paths straight

David gives the basis of
his relationship with God.

Through the abundance of your
steadfast love!

In your righteousness!

David's prayer should resonate deep within us as we contemplate a right relationship with God.



David's prayer reflects the actions we should take
and the requests we should make daily to God.

Enter his presence

Bow down in awe & fear

Ask for God to lead us into holiness

Ask God to guide our steps

David's prayer reflects the only basis that we have for a relationship with God.

Through the abundance of his
steadfast love!

Through the offer of his
righteousness!

The awareness & gratitude of this basis should be regular in our prayers.

Thank you God for your steadfast love...without it I would be lost!

God, thank you for giving me your own righteousness, without it I would have no hope! Help me to walk in it.

(9) For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.



(10) Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.



David condemns
the wicked! And emphasizes that
mankind is wicked because of
who they are, rather than what they do.

there is no truth in

their inmost self is

their throat is

Jesus echoes this idea:

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Luke 6:45

What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them,
but what comes out of their mouth,
that is what defiles them. **Matthew 15:11**

David summarizes
the core of the wicked!

They follow their **own counsel**.

They **rebel against** God.

(11) But let all who take refuge in you
rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and
spread your protection over them, that
those who love your name may exult in you.



David summarizes
the core of the righteous!

They **take refuge** in God.

They **love the name** of God.

They **exult in** God.

(12) For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
you cover him with favor as with a
shield.



David summarizes
the fate of the righteous!

They will **rejoice & sing for joy.**

They will be **blessed with favor.**

They will be **covered & protected.**

In Summary:

The believer should **regularly** make their relationship and time with the Lord a **priority by entering into his presence, bowing in worship & awe...and asking him to grant us holiness in our lives and to guide our steps.**

In Summary:

If the believer receives God's counsel, gladly submits to his design & instruction, takes refuge in him and loves & exults in God...the believer will have incredible joy, while being blessed, covered and protected by God!