

Psalm 5 (ASV)

¹ Give ear to my words, O Jehovah,
Consider my meditation.
² Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God;
For unto thee do I pray.
³ O Jehovah, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice;
In the morning will I order *my prayer* unto thee, and will keep watch.
⁴ For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:
Evil shall not sojourn with thee.
⁵ The arrogant shall not stand in thy sight:
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
⁶ Thou wilt destroy them that speak lies:
Jehovah abhorreth the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.
⁷ But as for me, in the abundance of thy lovingkindness will I come into thy house:
In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
⁸ Lead me, O Jehovah, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies;
Make thy way straight before my face.
⁹ For there is no faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inward part is very wickedness;
Their throat is an open sepulchre;
They flatter with their tongue.
¹⁰ Hold them guilty, O God;
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Thrust them out in the multitude of their transgressions;
For they have rebelled against thee.
¹¹ But let all those that take refuge in thee rejoice,
Let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them:
Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
¹² For thou wilt bless the righteous;
O Jehovah, thou wilt compass him with favor as with a shield.

Study the Psalm and fill in the categories as Scripture reveals.

God is:

God will:

I am:

I will:

Wicked are:

Wicked will:

Prayer

Dear Father God,

You are my king and my God. When I cry out to you, let me trust that you hear me as I wait in expectation for your response. Keep deceit from my mouth and surround me with your favor. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Reflection

1. In this Psalm, David declares God is his king and bows in reverence to his holy temple. Do you think we as a people show the reverence that is due to our king? How so or why not?
2. When the chips are down and hardships abound, do you sing for joy? I encourage you to create a playlist or click on this link for my YouTube praise and worship playlist from my website. Play it and sing along. [Lisa's Playlist](#)
3. What can we do to help those filled with deceit and destruction know that there is a better way in life and for eternity?

Response

In David's morning prayer, he states that he will dwell in God's house. Close your eyes and envision with me what it will be like to live with and be surrounded by God. Peace, joy, love, and singing flood my imagination. No attackers, fear, sin, sickness, sadness, or death reside there. I know our human thoughts can't compare to how magnificent it will truly be.

David pleads with God to destroy the wicked, but at the end of this passage, he directs those who haven't rebelled (us) to shout and rejoice –*sing!*

That is precisely what I do when I am surrounded by issues that hurt my heart. I sing out loud to God—just me and Him, a concert for two—I praise, worship, and glorify the Lord. Calmness and peacefulness rest on my heart and penetrate my being.

The link below is for “Surrounded” by Michael. W. Smith. I like to play this when my enemies are too heavy for me. It reminds me that God surrounds and protects me.

https://youtu.be/WpjZ6Jz950g?si=qe-xvImh_9OwzSki

Guest Response

My interpretation of Psalm 5 reminds me that when my enemies surround me, so does my God! For all who believe, we will be saved. The Lord does not tolerate evil and will destroy those who are against Him. In His time, our hearts will be changed and bring submission to His will.

Verses 1-3 give me solace knowing that God hears my every cry for help. He knows exactly what I need, so I wait for Him. When I am in a right relationship with the Lord, I will be brought into alignment with His will. Often, this takes time as God sees all the motives of my heart. Any anger or resentment I hold prevents me from receiving from Him (vs. 5-6). When I humble myself before God, I can enter into His presence and hear with clarity (verse 7).

It is the Lord who “brings” me into His Truth to reveal what He desires. God may even allow me to wait longer than I think I ought so that others see Him. Those “enemies” just may be saved for a greater purpose than we imagine. All the while, God provides grace and protection. (vs.8-10).

In conclusion, all who *come* to God will be filled with His joy. He is faithful to protect His people who take refuge in Him (vs. 11-12).

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Reminder

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