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Title : A Prayer for Guidance
Text : Psalm 5

Psalm 5:1-12

- 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.

Introduction

There are 7 parts to David's Prayer:

- David requests God to hear him (vs. 1-3)
- David affirms God's standard of righteousness (vs.4-6)
- David expresses his approach to God (vs. 7-8)
- David describes his enemies (v. 9)
- David calls on God to act against them (v.10)
- David describes those who trust in God (v. 11)
- David confesses his faith in what he knows of God (v.12)

David Begins by Requesting God to Hear Him (Psalm 5:1-3)

"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" (Mark 11:24)

"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" (Psalm 5:1-3)

- David believes in prayer (v. 1)
- David refers to God as "My King, My God" (v. 2)
 - A King to rule and govern and a God to save, defend and protect
- David believes God will hear his prayer (v. 3)
 - "and will look up" (v.3) – the right attitude in prayer
- David's prayer is not aimless but with careful thoughts – a strategic prayer
 - "I will direct it to you" (v. 3)

David Affirms God's Standard of Righteousness (Psalm 5: 4-6)

- Cleanse yourself before you pray.

"And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22)

"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 blood thirsty [wicked, revengeful and murderers] and deceitful man (Psalm 5:4-6)

- God takes no pleasure in wickedness (v. 4)
- There is no evil with God (v. 4)
- God will not tolerate unfaithfulness (boastful)

- God hates the works of sinners (v. 5)
- All liars will be destroyed (v. 6)
- God abhors wicked, revengeful and murderers and deceitful people (v. 6)

David Expresses His Approach to God (Psalm 5:7-8)

God will not fail those who seek mercy.

“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. Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face (Psalm 5:7-8)

- He comes seeking mercy (v. 7)
- In reverence of God – Godly fear (v. 7)
- He seeks God’s help to do what is right because of his enemies (v. 8)
- He seeks God’s revelation to know God’s way (v. 8)

David Describes His Enemies (Psalm 5:9)

“For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue” (Psalm 5:9)

- They are not faithful or trustworthy (v. 9)
- They have evil and wicked intention
- Their speech is destructive
- They have a poisonous tongue and death is in their mouth.

David Calls On God To Act Against Him (Psalm 5:10)

“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” (Psalm 5:10)

- Pronounce them guilty
- Let them fall by their own doing
- Cast them out because of their sin and rebellion

David Describes Those Who Trust in God (Psalm 5:11)

“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” (Psalm 5:11)

- To “trust” is to take “refuge”
- Believers can and will rejoice because God defends them
- Believers love God and therefore can rejoice

David Confesses His Faith and What He Knows of God

“For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield”
(Psalm 5:12)

- God will bless the righteous
- God’s favour will surround them
- God’s favour is God’s shield