

PSALM 5 (NLT)

*For the choir director: A psalm of David, to be accompanied
by the flute*

Prayer For Guidance and Protection

The Psalm is a prayer, a solemn address to God, at a time when the Psalmist is brought into distress by the malice of his enemies. Many such times passed over David. There was scarcely any time of his life to which this Psalm may not be accommodated, in that he was continually overwhelmed with enemies and his powerful and prevailing appeals to God.

1. In this psalm, David settles a connection between his soul and God,
 - a. Promising to pray
 - b. Promising himself that God would certainly hear him (vv1-3)

2. He gives to God the glory
 - a. He takes to himself the comfort, of God's holiness (vv4-6)

3. He declares his resolution to keep close to the public worship of God (v7)

4. He prayed
 - a. For himself, that God would guide him (v8)
 - b. Against his enemies...that God would destroy them (vv9-10)
 - c. For all the people of God, that God would give them joy, and keep them safe (vv11-12)

This Psalm is titled “To the chief musician”, with **flutes**. A Psalm of David. The title of the psalm indicates that it was directed toward the chief musician.

The title also tells us that the song was deliberately written to be accompanied by flutes.

It shows David coming to the Lord, in the morning and receiving the strength and joy he needs to make it through the day against adversities.

Psalm 5 is the 5th chapter of the book of Psalms.

Its authorship is traditionally assigned to King David.

a.) It is a reflection of how the righteous person prays for deliverance not only for freedom from suffering but to allow himself to be able to serve God without distractions.

b.) In this Psalm, David focuses more on wickedness, those who practice it, and how it is an affront to God.

After an introductory petition for God to hear him (vv 1-2), he affirms his trust that God will hear him because God does not tolerate evil (vv 3-7).

c.) He then asks God to lead and protect him and all who trust in God and to punish the wicked (8-11), and he ends with a declaration **of confidence that God does favor the righteous (v 12)**.

THEME: This Psalm is in the genre of the morning prayer because the morning prayer was very important in the religions of the Near East.

The psalmist opens with a lament and continues with praise and request that God punishes evildoers.

The psalmist describes the throat of the wicked as an open sepulcher.

The psalmist ends with a blessing extended to all those who trust in God. (Wikipedia)

Psalm 5:1-3 (Note from the Life Application Study Bible)

The secret of a close relationship with God is to pray to him earnestly in the morning.

In the morning, our minds are (should be) free from problems, and then we can commit the whole day to God.

Regular communication helps any friendship and is certainly necessary for a strong relationship with God.

We “need” to communicate with him daily. (It is good for our spiritual mental health).

Do you have a regular time to pray and read God’s word?

(v. 4) “For thou are not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.”

God can not condone or excuse even the smallest sin: therefore, we cannot excuse ourselves for sinning only a little bit.

As we grow spiritually, our sensitivity to sin increases.

What is your reaction to sin in your life?

Are you insensitive, unconcerned, disappointed, or comfortable?

What is your sin relationship???

As God makes us aware of sin, we must be intolerant toward it and be willing to change.

All believers should strive to be more tolerant of people but less tolerant of the sin in others, and ourselves.

We can't look at the speck in someone else's eye and disregard the beam in our own eye.

Summation and Takeaways

A morning prayer exemplifying David as the “worshipper” and the “warrior”

Welcome into the soul (mind, will, and emotions) of King David,
“A man after God’s own heart”

- (v3 Amp) In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will prepare (a prayer and a sacrifice) for You and watch and wait (for You to speak to my heart).

Firmly determined to seek God with all his heart, David commits himself to three actions:

1. Confident that God will hear his voice, he will persist in prayer and not live without it (1-2)
2. He will pray to God “in the morning.”
 - a. If we orient our lives around God, morning prayers will be the natural thing to do. Each new morning calls for a renewed dedication of ourselves to God, renewed fellowship with Him, and a renewed feeding on His Word.
3. David will “lookup “ in expectation for an answer to his prayer, and throughout the day he will search for signs that God is at work in his life.

(vv5 AMP) The boastful and the arrogant will not stand in your sight; You hate all who do evil.

Scripture assures us that God loves to show mercy to sinners (Ps. 103:3; Mt. 9:12-13). But some psalms declare that He “hates” people who commit evil (Ps.5:5). This apparent contradiction is resolved when we understand the term “**hatred**” in Scripture does not refer to the human emotion bent on retaliation for wrong. Rather, it refers to an expression of anger rooted in a commitment to justice.

God indeed grows angry at sin, which destroys His creation, especially because it harms human beings, who are made in His image.

But God’s righteous indignation is not a fit of rage. It is instead a just disapproval and penalty for something that goes against what is loving and good. (Ps.2:5, 12).

(vv11-12 MSG) “But you’ll welcome us with open arms when we run for cover to you. Let the party last all night”!!!
Stand guard over our celebration. You are famous, GOD, for welcoming God-seekers, for decking us out in delight.

Five blessings for the righteous:

1. They have a refuge (trust) in God
2. They are joyful in God
3. They have security in God
4. They are blessed by God
5. They have God’s favor or “grace”.