

## **Psalms 4**

### **A Psalm of David**

- David was a royal preacher
- His psalms are devotional, practical and doctrinal
- Doctrine: principles, systems of teachings, and/or religious policies

### **This Psalm designed to be Expostulatory or Doctrinal**

- To reason with someone earnestly against something that person intends to do or had done
- Remonstrate: to say or plead in protest or objection or disapproval
- To present reasons in complaints; to plead in protest of

### **Designed for general instruction, not for or in response to any specific event/occasion**

- Written to assist their devotions
- To direct their conversations

### **Prayer to God (v. 1)**

- Acknowledging God as the One Who justifies him
- Trusting God to help him to say the right thing

### **Addresses Mankind (v. 2-6)**

- Reproves (gently)
  - Criticizes or corrects their behavior
- Exhorts (encourage)
  - Gently admonishes
  - Advises them to trust and serve God

### **The Positive Results of Trusting and Honoring God (v. 7-8)**

- The result of trust is rest