

PSALM 5 (NKJV)

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.

Ground Zero

The people of God sing *not only praise*, but also sing *prayer*.

Colossians 3:16, Paul tells us to: *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and* ***spiritual*** *songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Ephesians 5:19, *speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*.

Another lost spiritual discipline: singing prayer, His Word and promises, and expressing it with your whole being to ourselves, among each other, and to the Lord. It is Spiritually POWERFUL.

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.
Psalm 71:23 ESV

Have you sung at church lately?

In the Morning

David had a serious problem affecting his life, getting between him and rejoicing in the Lord.

When you can't rejoice in the Lord because of life's circumstances, it is a crisis.

We need to look at every problem and every crisis in life like this:

1. There is a God.
2. He has a solution
3. He is in control.

Important Point: Before you pray, you have to have faith.

Each of our crises there is a plan, to teach you to: Handle issues on your own, but go to God first, before taking things into your own hands and making a mess.

David Illustration I: Bathsheba - 2 Samuel 12:11-12
David took things into his own hands, and made a mess.

I wonder how many times we have done this. I suspect we all have quite a bit. But there is hope.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

Life Reflection 1:
When you are in a crisis, put it into the right perspective: Faithfully pray to God, wait expectantly, without taking matters into your own hands! But if so, confess, knowing in faith you are forgiven.

Nothing Compares to You

God's righteousness is an attribute shared by all three of the Holy Trinity.

"He Is Infinitely, Unchangeably Right and Perfect in All He Does"

David know's God's heart, knowing he will be victorious when they are pronounced guilty before God.

Such unrighteous people are animals.

Do you feel like you are similar to David and want to passionately enter God's house?

David Illustration II: God's House - 2 Samuel 7
1 Chronicles 28:3, "*But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.'"*

The Bible says, calling someone an "air head" is murder. Have you ever done that?

Have you ever used flattery to get your way when you were in a tough spot?

Have you ever talked bad about a person, so that others would dislike them?

We are all animals not allowed in the House of God, to be judged by His righteousness.

Important Point
The comparison is between man contrasted with the Infinitely, Unchangeably Right and Perfect Lord God! None compares to God.

The Scriptures say, "*No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one… All have fallen short the glory of God*. (**Romans 3:9-12, 23**)

Life Reflection 2:
We all *have fallen short, the glory of God.* Look around, we all have.

We, have an adversary: *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.* **1 Peter 5:8**

Problem: he's right. We are unrighteous.

We're Surrounded

Knowing you are defeated, look up and call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus to be saved!

The Lord Jesus covers us in His righteousness so that we cannot be accused.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say, The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been thrown down. **Revelation 12:10-12 (CSB)**

The Bible says this is how it works: *We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.* **Romans 3:22 (NLT)**

2 Samuel 7: wasn't about Solomon, a house built with human hands, it was about Jesus.

Life Reflection 3
Believe in Jesus, Receive His Righteousness by His bloodshed and death on the cross.
Come into the House of the Lord through Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2 CSB
Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Believe! Come to Jesus, come to church and be surrounded by the body of Christ, so that we can rejoice in the protection of His house together.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! **Psalm 95:1**

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