

Suppliant (Psalm 28)

I. Introduction

Does God hear my prayer?

The prayer of the *Pharisee* and the *publican* (Lk 18:10-14)

II. The Suppliant's Humility (vss. 1-2)

David's desperate need for God to hear him

Are you ever concerned that God would hear your prayers?

What does it mean to be *God's child*, if He does not hear us?

God hears the humble prayer of a suppliant (Luke 18)

If God is going to hear our prayers, we must pray with **humility**

Suffering changes the formality of our prayer into urgent cries

III. The Suppliant's Hatred of Sin (vss. 3-5)

David is concerned that he would not fall into sin

We must realize that it is only by God's grace we have not fallen

Lead us not into temptation

David's suppliant nature does not diminish his view of sin

Do not confuse *meekness* and *humility* with *weakness* and *fear*

Carl Lentz's approach to sin vs. the Word of God (1 Cor 6)

Is this really *humility* or is it *deceit*?

Humility does not mean that we cannot be sure about truth

Humility requires us to know our spiritual condition apart from Christ

God requires you to know your need of Him

Humble Christians hate sin and those who promote sin

IV. The Suppliant Knows that God Hears Him (vss. 6-7)

David's praise stems from his confidence that God hears him

One can be *confident* and yet *humble*

How the Gospel changes *pride* and *timidity* to *humility* and *boldness*

1. Living in reverent dependence, knowing life is a vapor
2. Doing all things unto God's glory
3. Acknowledging our nothingness apart from Christ
4. Acknowledging that we don't know as much as we think we do
5. Refusing honor for any good deed; instead boasting in the cross
6. Penitently grieving over sin; knowing they are fully forgiven
7. Honoring others more than ourselves

V. The Suppliant's Ultimate Identity Revealed (vss. 8-9)

Christ is *Savior*, *Anointed*, *Shepherd*, and *Suppliant*

Christ's prayers are the model for our prayers (Heb 5:7)

He is still suppliant as He intercedes for us today (Heb 4:14-16)