

“Early Morning Prayer” Psalm 5

To the Chief Musician. With Flutes. A Psalm of David.

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. Psalm 5 (NKJV)

One of the first important things I realized Pastor Bruce and I had in common was a desire to PRAY! Before hurricane Ian happened to us: Pastor Bruce, myself, Paster Archie and Pastor Joe were meeting EARLY in the morning one day a week for prayer!

I believe, whether we meet with anyone else while we do it or not, the BEST way to start any day is by acknowledging God by reading His Word (The Bible) & Praying!

I. *Make first things first, communicate with God,
EARLY –*

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1. *David was God’s King. A man after God’s own heart. His Psalms were songs, most of them written for worship!*
2. *This Psalm is about EARLY morning prayer:*
 - ¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. ²Give 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. Psalm 5:1-3**
 - A. *In this prayer there is a pleading for God’s hearing - :1 **A Give ear to my words, O LORD***
 - B. *He asks God to consider his “meditation” – :1 **B His thinking about God and the things of God!***
 - C. *He asks God to hear the voice of his cry – this tells us David was passionate, emotional, real and **NEEDY** in His prayer! :2 **A***
 - D. *David was a king himself, but God he knew was the **REAL KING** - :2 **B***
 - E. **:3 My voice shall though hear in the morning ...** *This is David’s commitment, his vow, his promise to God, expressed twice for emphasis!*

II. *The reason(s) for coming to God, EARLY, we don’t
have much going for us without Him, meaning
without God –*

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. Psalm 5:4-6

1. *Scripture tells us everyone, except Jesus Christ is a sinner –*

¹⁰ **As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)**

2. **Psalm 5 Verses 4-6** tells us God’s attitude toward wickedness, evil, boastful people, workers of iniquity, those who lie or murder, basically He abhors them and will destroy them.

3. However, the “For” at the beginning of verse :4 makes these things THE REASON for David’s early fervent PRAYER mentioned in **Psalm 5:1-3**

A. When something is WRONG dealing with it EARLY!

B. When you NEED help or mercy from God, GO to Him EARLY!

² **For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2**

C. Pray early, often, always because we can do nothing without Jesus Christ, NOTHING without God -

⁵ **“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5 (NKJV)**

III. *What we should expect coming to God EARLY:*

1. *Mercy from God -*

⁷ **But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; Psalm 5:7 A**

2. *Our own reverence, fear of God –*

In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Psalm 5:7 B

3. *God’s guidance –*

⁸ **Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face. Psalm 5:8**

IV. *What we should expect from an ungodly world –*

1. *Lies* – ⁹ **For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; Psalm 5:9 A**
2. *Corrupt hearts* - **Their inward part *is* destruction; Psalm 5:9 B**
4. *Bad breath* – **Their throat *is* an open tomb; Psalm 5:9 C**
5. *A flattering tongue* – **They flatter with their tongue. Psalm 5:9 D**
These are salesmen, and what they sell is Hell!
 - 1 **Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; Psalm 1:1 (NKJV)**

V. *Imprecatory prayer, against the wicked –*

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**

*Psalm 5:10 and other verses like it are hard for us to understand because they seem to go against what Jesus teaches about **LOVING** and praying for our enemies -*

⁴³ **“You have heard that it was said, ‘*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:43–48 (NKJV)**

Yet, Jesus is dealing with us on a PERSONAL LEVEL While David is praying as a KING, one in Government, who was charged by God with dealing with crime and evil!

Basically, in his imprecatory prayer David is asking for God's HELP dealing with evil under his government!

Similarly, on Memorial Day, we remember men who not only died fighting for justice, but also killed.

If it is right to fight against EVIL, it is also right to PRAY against it. Not for selfish welfare but for public or national welfare.

VI. David's prayer for God's people –

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Psalm 5:11-12**

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