

Psalm 5

1. David calls upon God to hear his prayer

- a. His prayer is directed to God alone (David's King and God) and to none other. To whom do
- b. David sought The Lord at the beginning of his days. Time with God was his priority. Is it ours? The biblical principle is to offer God our best, not our left overs (e.g., Prv 3:9). This applies to resources, time etc.

2. God takes no pleasure in evil/wickedness. With Him the wicked cannot dwell (Ps 1:4-6)

- a. The arrogant (boastful) cannot stand in His presence and He hates (detests) all who do wrong (evil), e.g., Lk 18:9-14.
- b. God destroys and detests the deceitful and bloodthirsty.

3. But, because of God's great mercy, David knew that he was able to enter into God's house and worship. ("House" here refers to the Tabernacle as the temple had not yet been built. The Tabernacle was also called God's house - e.g., Jos 6:24, 1 Sam 1:24).

- a. David asked God to lead him in His righteousness. Do we ask for this?
- b. David asks God to make his way straight (clear), for he had enemies and needed guidance.
 - He couldn't trust their words (Almost everyone approached him with an agenda, often a hidden one).
 - Their hearts /minds were filled with destruction ("wickedness").
 - Their throats ("words") were open graves (deadly words) and could not be trusted.
- c. He calls on God to judge the wicked who so often hid their intent from him.
 - That their intrigues blow up in their faces and bring them down.
 - That God would banish them for their sin and rebellion.

4. David asks that all who take refuge in God be joyful

- a. That God would protect them and that they would rejoice in Him.
- b. For God blesses the righteous and protects them with His favor.

***On what or who do we trust?
Do we make God our priority?***