

Reflection Questions: How is my prayer life? What can I do to improve it? How do I respond when people slander or attack me? How should I respond? Do I truly take refuge in God? If so, am I glad, joyful, and exulting in God?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

What separates us from sinners ... is not our righteousness but His mercy. God hears us, not because we are good, but because we have received the goodness of His Son.

Lloyd J. Ogilvie

We shall never be able to understand the Cross of Christ until we glimpse the reality that the God of love must hate sinners.

George Angus Fulton Knight

One of the great challenges at the beginning of every day is to put ourselves in a proper perspective before our almighty yet benevolent God.

Alistair Begg

We should begin to pray before we kneel down and we should not cease when we rise up.

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night. Devotion should be both the morning star and the evening star.

Prayer without fervency is like hunting with a dead dog and prayer without preparation is hawking with a blind falcon.

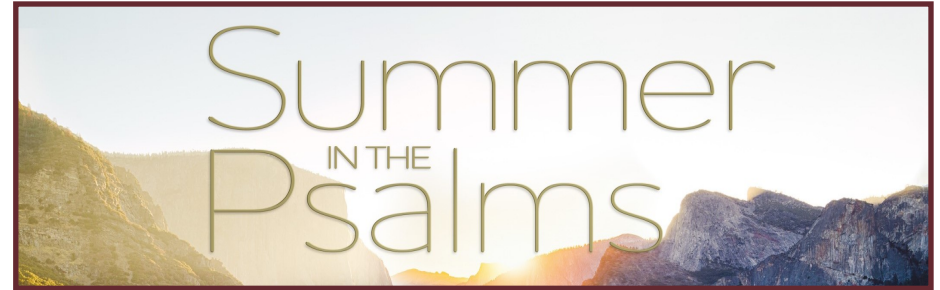
Charles Spurgeon

The imprecatory psalm leads to the cross of Jesus and to the love of God which forgives enemies.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The value of venting our hatred of evil to God in prayer rather than taking matters into our own hands is important for the Christian to grasp.

Douglas D. Webster



Psalm 5

*Sermon
Notes*

June 18, 2023

1. David's Contrition (1-3)
2. David's Conviction (4-6)
3. David's Consecration (7-8)
4. David's Condemnation (9-10)
5. David's Celebration (11-12)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What does *Psalm 5* teach us about God?

About ourselves?

3. In what context was *Psalm 5* likely written? What historical events or personal circumstances might have influenced David to write this?

4. What is the main theme or message of *Psalm 5*?

5. What does David mean by calling God *my King and my God*?

6. What is signified by David writing twice, *in the morning* (*Psalm 5:3*)?

7. What does David request from God in *Psalm 5*?

8. What contrasts are found in *Psalm 5* between the righteous and the wicked?

9. What does it mean that God hates and abhors (*Psalm 5:5-6*; cf. *11:5*) *those who do iniquity, speak falsehood, etc.*?

How do we reconcile this with verses like *John 3:16* and *1 John 4:16*?

Read *Psalm 45*. How does it help explain *Psalm 5*?

10. What is it that allows us to enter into God's presence (*Psalm 5:7*)?

What does this mean in New Testament terms? Use Scripture.

11. What is Paul's point in quoting *Psalm 5:9* in *Romans 3:10-18*?

12. Read *Psalm 5:11-12*. What are we to do?

What is it that God will do?

13. How does *Matthew 5:10-12* compare with *Psalm 5:11-12*?

14. David was a wretched sinner but he was also a man after God's own heart. How can those two things be simultaneously true?

15. What do we learn about prayer in *Psalm 5*?

16. Is the statement, "God hates the sin but loves the sinner," a biblical statement or not? Explain using Scripture.