

PSALM 5 – A Morning Prayer For Guidance!

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Psalms 5:1-12 - A MORNING PRAYER

This Psalm carries the title, To the Chief Musician. With flutes. A Psalm of David. It shows David coming to the LORD in the morning and receiving the strength and joy he needs to make it through the day against many adversaries. As in the first four Psalms, **we have a contrast between the wicked and the righteous.** The psalmist carries out **a contrast between himself, made righteous by God's grace, and the wicked who opposed him.** To the devout mind, **one can see a precious view of the Lord Jesus,** of whom it is said that in the days of His flesh, He offered up prayers and supplication with strong crying and tears!

Lead Me in Your Righteousness - A Prayer for Guidance - A Psalm of David.

Psa 5:1 Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.

Psa 5:2 Give heed to the voice of my cry (the voice of my weeping), My King and my God, For to You I will pray.

Psa 5:3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up (or out).

- David gives us great insight into one of the keys of his greatness was the time spent with God in a personal relationship, a devotional time or a quiet time with the LORD!
- Christianity is a relationship. It is a relationship with God. A relationship is only as good as the communication that goes on, the current-ness of the relationship, the investment in the relationship. Every husband, wife, parent, child, all understand that. It is also true of our relationship with God. It requires time. It requires daily time, from the standpoint of keeping the relationship healthy. There needs to be a daily communication with God. No Christian relationship with God will ever rise above the devotional life of the saint because that's where the relationship is nurtured and developed. So here is this quiet time that he had with God that he speaks of here.
- I believe God will never stop working in a Christian's life until this becomes the most important part of our lives, above everything else. Even as Job wrote, **Job 23:12b** *I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.*— the protein, the vegetables, the necessary nourishment for life. God will always be working in our lives until that daily time, just like David is describing has been established as a characteristic of our lives.
- One of the reasons is that **you cannot be like Christ without a morning devotional time!** Over and over again, in the gospels, He would wake up early in the morning, earlier than the other disciples and He would spend time with His Heavenly Father. Even as Isaiah describes the coming Messiah - **Isa 50:4** *"The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.* Notice in this prophecy the commitment of Jesus' morning time to the Father!
- Christians who have a regular morning devotional/prayer time with the Lord will bring this up because they recognize the blessings and benefits in their own lives of having this daily time with the Lord! We all need to be working toward something daily with the Lord. David said, I will look up! It was a willing commitment on his part. Every day David would realize he is a little king under the big King!

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- David has this morning time with the Lord. He basically is saying I have this wonderful closeness in my quiet time with You, but it's in my home. Now, I'm going to head out into the world. It's a wicked place! I'm going to face temptations out there that I don't allow in my home. He also is pleading against his cruel and wicked enemies!
- There is going to be a lot of opportunity to compromise and disobey You, so I choose before I leave the safety of this holy time with You, that I choose to walk with You today. And I choose from this place I make a decision of how I'm going to respond to all temptation that I'm going to face for the rest of this day. I'm going to say "no" to those temptations and I'm going to say "yes" to You! And it's an important part of a quiet time.
- Remember, Jesus is giving us the Model Prayer, includes the line *"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!"* It's that same recognition before we head out the door in the morning, Lord, I'm heading out into a wicked world and before I do, before the first temptation arises, I choose from this place! I choose You! So then at 10 o'clock when the temptation bursts on the scene, instead of being shocked, say, I've been waiting for you – NO! The decision has already been made. We're not making the decision on the spur of the moment. So again, Jesus, in the Model Prayer, that He gave us, really covering all the bases for us.

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

- (Second part of the Psalm) - David had the tabernacle right there in Jerusalem. So each day, He would make His way to the tabernacle and worship the Lord right there. You say, wow, could the church arrange to put a tabernacle in my backyard, so that I could have the same conveniences that David had?
- **You are the tabernacle! You are the temple of the Holy Spirit!** The word that is used for the holiness of the temple, the Holy of Holies, where the presence of God dwelt, that is the description given of our lives because we are now indwelt by the Holy Spirit! What do I do with my time when I'm on a business trip? Anywhere you go is a holy place! It doesn't have to be a particular room or chair in the house. So the beauty of it, the things of worshipping the Lord, for fellowship, these kinds of things, the house of the Lord.

Psa 5:9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part (David speaking of his enemies) is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.

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- So he called on God to judge the wicked and limit their influence in his kingdom was a daily part of his crying out to the Lord.

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- In other words, as he heads out the door he heads out into life, confident of God blessing his life today and that God is going to keep him that day. That's the confidence as we head out into that day, when we take that time to see that day in the light of the Lord and give that day to the LORD and so this beautiful, beautiful testament here in Psalm 5 of the importance of morning prayer!

SUMMARY:

- Do you say? "Good Lord, it's morning." Or when you wake up, say? "Good morning, Lord." What a difference it makes in the day. Your attitude towards things. "Lord, today is yours. My life is yours. Work out your plan and your purposes in my life. I'm just available Lord for You to use as You desire. Guide my steps in your ways."
- I will not be silent – You shall hear my prayer in the morning – the fittest time for communication with You!
- O Lord, lead us ever, lest our enemies trip us up! Help us not to yield to temptation – to just say "No"!
- The cross of Christ is in itself an offense to the world. Let us take heed we add no offence of our own!
- Prayer without fervency is like hunting with a dead dog! Prayer without preparation is like hawking with a blind falcon! Let not our prayers and praises be the flashes of a hot and hasty brain, but the steady burning of a well kindled fire! (Spurgeon)

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PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: - President & V.P.: Donald & Melania Trump; Mike & Karen Pence.

Cabinet Members/Advisors: Sec. of State – Mike Pompeo; Energy – Rick Perry; Interior – David Bernhardt;; Defense – Patrick Shanahan; Treasury – Steven Mnuchin; Attorney General – William Barr; HUD – Ben Carson; Commerce – Wilbur Ross; Health & Human Services – Alex Azar; Education – Betsy DeVos; Trans. – Elaine Chou; U.N Ambassador – Jonathan Cohen; Labor – Alex Acosta; Homeland Security – Kirstjen Nielsen; EPA – Andrew Wheeler; Budget – Mick Mulvaney; SBA – Linda McMahon; Agriculture –Sonny Perdue; Vet. Affairs –Robert Wilkie; C.I.A. Director – Mike Pompeo; Amb. to Israel – David Friedman; Nat Econ Council Dir. – Gary Cohn; Nat. Intell. – Dan Coats; US Trade Rep. – Robert Lighthizer; Sr. Adv. to Pres. – Jared Kushner/Stephen Miller; Homeland Sec. Adv. – Thomas Bossert; **Supreme Ct. Justices: John Roberts, Jr., Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch; Brett Kavanaugh.**

PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: (See attached of Senators and Representatives):

PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation, including: Xi Jinping – China; Narendra Modi- India; Donald Trump – USA; Joko Widodo - Indonesia; Jair Bolsonaro - Brazil; Arif Alvi - Pakistan; Muhammadu Buhari - Nigeria; Hasina Wazed - Bangladesh; Vladimir Putin- Russia; Lopez Obrador – Mexico; Benjamin Netanyahu – Israel; Angela Merkel – Germany; Theresa May – U.K.; Kim Jong-un – North Korea; Moon Jae-in – South Korea.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:

STATE/LEGISLATOR PROFILES

U.S. Senators

Dianne Feinstein, **D**

Camala D. Harris, **D**

U.S. Representatives

1 / Doug LaMalfa, **R**

2 / Jared W. Huffman, **D**

3 / John R. Garamendi, **D**

4 / Tom McClintock, **R**

5 / Mike C. Thompson, **D**

6 / Doris O. Matsui, **D**

7 / Ami Bera, **D**

8 / Paul J. Cook, **R**

9 / Jerry McNerney, **D**

0 / Josh Harder, **D**

1 / Mark J. DeSaulnier, **D**

2 / Nancy Pelosi, **D**

3 / Barbara J. Lee, **D**

4 / Jackie Speier, **D**

5 / Eric M. Swalwell, **D**

6 / Jim Costa, **D**

7 / Ro Khanna, **D**

8 / Anna G. Eshoo, **D**

9 / Zoe Lofgren, **D**

0 / Jimmy Panetta, **D**

1 / T.J. Cox, **D**

2 / Devin G. Nunes, **R**

3 / Kevin McCarthy, **R**

4 / Salud Carbajal, **D**

5 / Katherine L. Hill, **D**

6 / Julia Brownley, **D**

7 / Judy Chu, **D**

8 / Adam B. Schiff, **D**

9 / Tony Cardenas, **D**

0 / Brad J. Sherman, **D**

1 / Peter Aguilar, **D**

2 / Grace F. Napolitano, **D**

3 / Ted W. Lieu, **D**

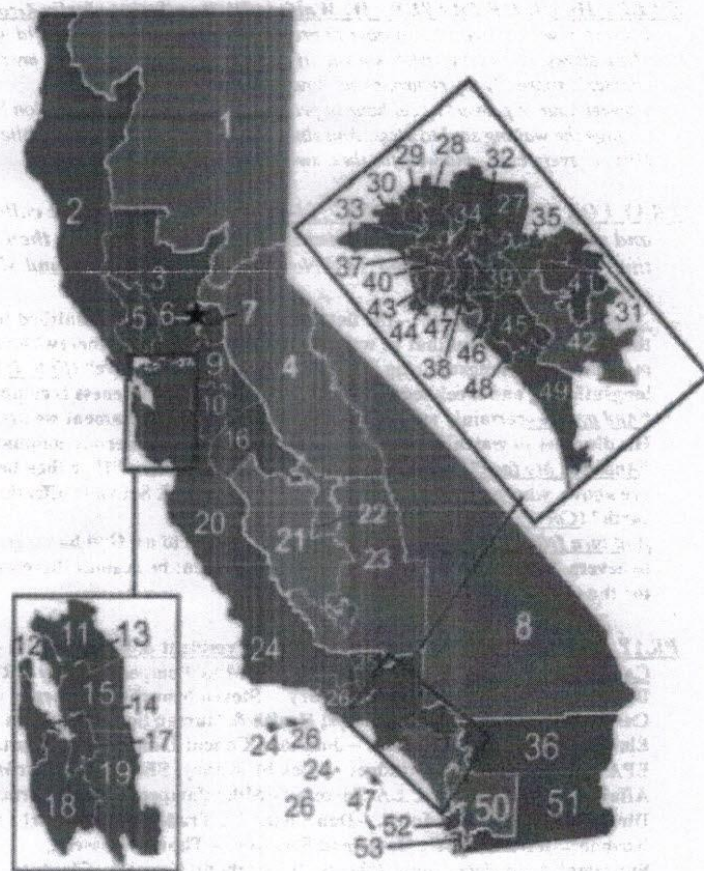
4 / Jimmy Gomez, **D**

5 / Norma J. Torres, **D**

6 / Raul Ruiz, **D**

7 / Karen R. Bass, **D**

8 / Linda T. Sanchez, **D**



39 / Gilbert Cisneros, **D**

40 / Lucille Roybal-Allard, **D**

41 / Mark A. Takano, **D**

42 / Ken S. Calvert, **R**

43 / Maxine Waters, **D**

44 / Nanette Diaz Barragan, **D**

45 / Katherine Porter, **D**

46 / Lou Correa, **D**

47 / Alan S. Lowenthal, **D**

48 / Harley E. Rouda, **D**

49 / Mike Levin, **D**

50 / Duncan D. Hunter, **R**

51 / Juan C. Vargas, **D**

52 / Scott H. Peters, **D**

53 / Susan A. Davis, **D**

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