

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

I DIRECT MY PRAYER UNTO THEE

PSALMS 5

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²Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. ³My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

Introduction:

There are two sorts of prayers—those expressed in words, and the unuttered longings which abide as silent meditations. Words are not the essence but the garments of prayer. Moses at the Red Sea cried to God, though he said nothing.

David, we observe, uses both modes of prayer, and craves for the one a hearing, and for the other a consideration.

God is a prayer-hearing God. Such he has always been, and he is still as ready to hear prayer as ever. The most encouraging principle of prayer, and the most powerful plea in prayer, is, to look upon him as our King and our God.

Notice the three forms of prayer:

- Words
- Meditation
- Cry

1. DAVID'S PETITION (VS. 1-3, 7-8, 10-12)

Psalms 5:1-3

¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. ² Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. ³ My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

Psalms 5:7-8

⁷ But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. ⁸ Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

Psalms 5:10-12

¹⁰ Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee. ¹¹ But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. ¹² For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

A. Whom He Prays To – The Lord Alone

B. When He Prays – Each Morning

C. What He Prays

- For the Lord to lead him in the right path

God's guidance needed always and especially when enemies are watching us.

- For the Lord to declare his enemies guilty

Note the last two clauses in verse 3

Psalms 5:3

³My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

We see prayer directed and an answer expected

2. DAVID'S PRAISE (VS. 11-12)

Psalms 5:11-12

¹¹But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. ¹²For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

Why?

- Because the Lord defends them
- Because the Lord blesses them
- Because the Lord protects them