

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 5
When We Need God to Hear Our Prayer

This Psalm is a REQUEST to the Lord. "Hear my prayer."

- I. We Begin by Asking. V. 1-3
 - A. Synonymous Parallelism. (The same thing is repeated in different words, the second line enforcing what is said in the first.) V. 1
 - B. Synthetic Parallelism. (The second line adds something to the first). V. 2
 - C. Morning Prayers.
 1. Morning. Psalm 88:13; Psalm 119:47; 130:6; Mark 1:35
 2. Evening. Psalm 22:2; Isaiah 26:9
 3. Morning, Noon, Night. Psalm 55:17
 - D. The importance of starting well. *The First hour of the day is the most important.*
 - E. "When Morning Gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, **May Jesus Christ be praised.** Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair, **May Jesus Christ be praised.**"

- II. God's Hatred of Sin. v. 4-6
 - A. Psalm 101:7; Hab 1:13;
 1. Heb 12:14 "*Without holiness no one will see the Lord.*"
 2. Mat 5:48 "*Be perfect as your heavenly Father is Perfect*"
 - B. Much like Psalm 1, there is a contrast between the righteous and sinners.

- III. The Worshiper's Need for Guidance v. 7-10
 - A. Nothing wrong with prayers for self. Ought to be the first prayer after our adoration to God.
 - B. Nothing wrong with praying against those who are against God.
 1. Psalm 31:6 "I hate those who cling to worthless idols"
 2. Ephesians 5:11-12 *Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret."*

- IV. The Worshipers Praise for God's Protection. 11-12
 - A. There is confidence in God's protection. We are CALLED
 1. Jer 15:16 "Thy words were found and I did eat them , and thy word became unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart, for I am called by Thy Name, O Lord my strength and my redeemer."
 2. James 1:12; 2:5
 3. Isa 43:4

- V. STRUCTURE (Scrogie)
 - (A) The devout soul, 1-3 (singular)
 - (B) The wicked, 4-6
 - (C) Personal, 7
 - (C) Personal, 8

(B) The wicked, 9-10

(A) The devout soul, 11-12 (plural)