

Psalm 5

Theme: Hear my prayer, as opposed to not hearing the wicked when they speak.

Title: Nehiloth - musical instruction for flutes.

V: 1-3 Preparing to meet the Lord.
V: 4-6 Seeking to please the Lord.
V: 7-12 Submitting to the Lord.

Back ground: Psalm 4 ends with the Psalmist laying down in safety and peace.
Psalm 5 picks up in the morning, a new day.

V: 1 Starts off with a petition / request: "Please hear me, please consider my thoughts / musings."

Psalm 34:15 "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry."

Psalm 139:2 "Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off."

- "***O LORD***": Proper address, direction, like Jesus taught, "Our Father..."
- "LORD" = YHWH = Jehovah = The Holy, unspeakable name of God - "The becoming One"

V: 1-2 Somewhat of a progression:

- Give ear, consider, hearken:
- **Give ear:** (H238) ***āzan***: A verb meaning to give an ear, to lend an ear, to listen, to hear.
- **Consider:** (H995) ***biyn***: A verb meaning to discern, to perceive, to observe, to pay attention to, to be intelligent, to be discreet, to understand; in the causative sense, to give understanding, to teach; in the reflexive sense, to listen or to consider diligently, more carefully.
- **Hearken:** (H7181) ***qāšab***: A verb meaning to listen carefully, to pay attention, to give heed, the kind of listening that leads to action. "Please Lord, do this..."

Psalm 34:17 “The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.”

V: 2 “*Hearken unto the voice of my cry, ...*”

- In Psalm 4 David asked God to hear his prayer, now he asks God to hear his cry - there is a greater sense of urgency or desperation in that prayer.
- “*my King*” - my ruler & Lord.
- “*my God*” - “Elohim”, masculine, plural, noun. (Master passion)
- Is He truly our Lord, King, and God? If we’ve surrendered to Him, made peace with Him, and entered into a personal relationship with Him, making Him our Lord, King, and God then we know that because of that relationship He will hear us.
- If we haven’t entered into that relationship why should we expect Him to hear us?

“... *for unto thee will I pray.*” Starting off our day with a consciousness of God, an awareness of God, and an acknowledgment of God. A commitment to pray to Him, the true and living God as opposed to some false god or created thing.

Exodus 20:4-5 (2nd Commandment) “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images - thou shalt not bow down thy self to them, nor serve them.”

- Prayer is a form of worship and is intended exclusively to be directed to God.
- Starting off with the right attitude!

V: 3 A daily commitment to prayer, to seeking His face, starting off our day with a renewed commitment to the Lord; dedicating our day to Him and to His purposes.

- Praying out loud helps me to concentrate; praying silently or “in the spirit” usually leads to either a nap or distracted thoughts.
- A morning discipline, the giving of the first fruits:

Psalm 63:1 “O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.”

Proverbs 8:17 “I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me.”

- I will direct my prayer to the Lord, not I will direct the Lord...
- “Direct” - as in ordering the sacrifices upon the altar, or ordering the show bread upon the table, ordering as in organizing the wood for the burning of the sacrifices.

Matthew 5:9-13 “⁹After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which are in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

- Looking up - because He is high and lifted up, high above us - we are low and He is high.
- Looking up with a sense of expectation and thanksgiving.

Philippians 4:6 “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

- There is freedom of speech and expression with the Lord, a reverence that is at the same time almost casual or comfortable, knowing that our heavenly father is listening with a gentle heart.

Hebrews 4:16 “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 10:19 “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.”

- David is essentially making God the first priority of his day and is seemingly presenting himself to the Lord as a soldier would to his general awaiting his orders.

V: 4 God is not foolish or capricious - He has no pleasure in wickedness, He is not neutral about sin.

Habakkuk 1:13 “Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?”

- God delights in those who fear him, those who are rebellious, wicked, and sinful obviously do not fear God.

Psalms 147:11 “The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.”

Romans 8:8 “So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”

V: 5 “*The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: ...*” I’m not sure that any one will!
The idea is that the proud will be humbled.

Psalm 1:5 “Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.”

“*Thou hatest all workers of iniquity*” - hate is a pretty strong word, it describes a passionate dislike.

- There is no middle ground with God; Jesus said:

Matthew 12:30 “He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.”

- God expects us to love what He loves, and to hate what He hates - He hates sin!

Psalm 139:212-22 “²¹Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? ²²I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.”

Proverbs 8:13 “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil...”

V: 6 “*God will destroy them that speak leasing / falsehood / speak lies ...*”

Revelation 21:8 - song...

Revelation 21:8 “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

“... *the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.*” (That was me before I met Jesus)

- Abhor - (H8581) ta’ab - to detest, loathe, to see as disgusting.
- Bloody = blood thirsty, violent.
- Deceitful man: dishonest, liar.
- Rabid dogs / rattlesnakes are to be dealt with not coddled or played with!

V: 7 “*But as for me ...*” Contrast, unlike those men that you hate and abhor - “*I will come into your house in the multitude of your mercy ...*”

- One of the reasons why David, and us for that matter will get to go into the house of the Lord is the simple fact that, that's what we want to do, we want to be there with Him! Bloody deceitful men, those who rebel against God don't want to be in His presence.

Psalm 27:4 "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple."

Psalm 15:1-2 "1Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 2He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart."

"... and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple."

- In the fear of the Lord, in reverence for Him we worship Him.

Psalm 138:2 "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy Word above all thy name."

V:8 *"Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness..."*

- Lord take charge of my life, guide me...

Jeremiah 10:23 "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

- After David asks God in Psalm 139 to search his heart and root out any evil thing, then he says

Psalm 139:24b "... and lead me in the way everlasting."

V: 9-10 *"For there is no faithfulness in their mouth..."*

- Speaking of those in verses 5 & 6, those workers of iniquity, who speak leasing, those that the Lord abhors...
- People that do these things do so because they don't fear any repercussion, they don't think that one day they will stand in judgment or be held accountable for their actions - there is no faithfulness in them.

Paul quotes from this Psalm:

Romans 3:13 "Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:"

- Destroy them Lord... I'm not sure that David is waxing philosophical at this point as much as he's thinking about his enemies and those who are trying to kill him.
- But as David is God's anointed king of Israel, and Absalom and company have rebelled not just against David, but against God maybe it's all the same.

Their own counsel will be their undoing.

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

2 Samuel 18:8 "For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured."

- It wasn't just because they rebelled against David, it was because they rebelled against God.
- Hebrew poetry, the contrasts:

Psalms 1:4 "The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away."

V: 11-12 "*Let those that put their trust in Thee rejoice...*" as well they / we should!

1 Chronicles 16:10 "Glory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord."

Peter's sermon:

Acts 2:28 "Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance."

- We should be a joy filled people! "Eor Christians" are a bad witness.

Psalms 29:11 "The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace."

- The Lord will bless the righteous, those who trust in Him; and He will surround them with His lovingkindness.

Nehemiah 8:10 "... for the joy of the Lord is your strength."