

Psalm 5

To the choirmaster: for the flutes. A Psalm of David.

¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning. ² Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. ³ O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

⁴ For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. ⁵ The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. ⁶ You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. ⁷ But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

⁸ Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

⁹ For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. ¹⁰ Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

¹¹ But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. ¹² For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

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How to grow in prayer

HOW to pray (v1-3)

- earnest
- reverent
- priority
- thoughtful
- expectant

WHO to pray to (v4-7)

- the God who hates evildoers
- the God who loves his people

WHAT to pray for (v8-12)

- lead me (v8)
- judge them (v9-10)
- protect us (v11-12)



Discussion questions

What is your own experience of prayer? What are some of the challenges for you? How do you feel about using the Psalms in your prayers?