

Psalm 5 Devotions

☐ Monday - He Hears the Groanings of My Heart. Psalm 5:1

David writes, "Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my *groaning*. Heed the sound of my cry for help" (Psa. 5:1-2, NASB). The King James Version reads, "consider my *meditation*," but actually the Hebrew *hagiyy* (haw-gheeg), refers to an inward murmur or cry. David is saying, "O Lord, hear my inward and outward cry for help which is sometimes hard to even put into words." Prayer is not so dependent on the eloquence of our words, but on the sincerity of the heart. Read Romans 8:26-27

☐ Tuesday - The Persistent Prayer Prevails. Psalm 5:2

"Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, for to You I pray" (Psa. 5:2). To a loving father his children's cries have a powerful influence which his heart cannot resist. Christian, lay your petition before your Heavenly Father. Do not lose heart, but pray until the answer comes. Jesus said, "Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night" (Luke 18:7). But so often our prayers are like the childish prank of the kid who rings the doorbell and runs. So it is with so many of our prayers, we don't hang around long enough in prayer to get an answer. Read Luke 11:5-8, 18:1-8

☐ Wednesday - My King and My God. Psalm 5:2

David prays, "Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, for to You I pray" (Psa. 5:2). David, himself a king, addresses his prayer to the King of kings. The man-made gods of false religion cannot help even the most sincere follower (Jer. 10:5), but your God, Christian, is God. Power belongs to the Lord (Psa. 62:11); He alone can hear and answer prayer. Bring your biggest requests before Him. Remember, everything to God is small. Read Ephesians 3:20-21

☐ Thursday - Morning Prayer. Psalm 5:3

"In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice; in the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch" (Psa. 5:3). Talk to God all day long, Christian, but make sure that you start first thing in the morning. There is a spiritual battle raging and our enemy, the devil, takes no days off and declares no cease fires. His attacks don't wait until after you have had your first cup of coffee and read the paper. Christian soldier, you cannot wait until the middle of today's battles to put on the full armor of God (Eph. 6:10-17). You are in the Lord's army, and today your orders are to fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:12), and that fight must begin in morning prayer. Today, give to the Lord the first-fruits of your day in prayer. Psalm 92:1-2

☐ Friday - Favor Like a Shield. Psalm 5:12

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, David writes, "For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O Lord, You surround him with favor as with a shield" (Psa. 5:12). That is what God's grace is: unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor. And it surrounds you like a shield, Christian: [1] God's favor (grace) shields you from eternal punishment (Rom. 6:23); [2] It is the Father and the Son's mighty hand (John 10:28-29), shielding your heart from being snatched away, and so it is a shield of eternal security; [3] It the Holy Spirit's unbreakable seal, shielding your heavenly inheritance from being stolen (Eph. 1:13); and [4] It is an invisible hedge of physical and spiritual protection, shielding you from many seen and unseen perils (Job 1:10; Psa. 91:11). Christian, thank God today for His amazing grace which He lavishes upon you (Eph. 1:7-8), so thoroughly that it covers and surrounds you like a shield. Read Psalm 90:17, 147:11