

Psalm 5

To the Chief Musician. With flutes A Psalm of David.

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For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

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For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue. Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.

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For the choir director; for flute accompaniment. A Psalm of David. NASB

For the director of music. For pipes. A Psalm of David. NIV

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

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Give ear: to broaden out the ear

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MEDITATION – “Meditation is the activity of calling to mind, and thinking over, and dwelling on, and applying to oneself, the various things that one knows about the works and ways and purposes and promises of God. It is an activity of holy thought, consciously performed in the presence of God, under the eye of God, by the help of God, as a means of communion with God. Its purpose is to clear one's mental and spiritual vision of God, and to let His truth make its full and proper impact on one's mind

and heart. It is a matter of arguing with oneself, reasoning oneself out of moods of doubt and unbelief into a clear apprehension of God's power and grace. Its effect is ever to humble us, as we contemplate God's greatness and glory, and our own littleness and sinfulness, and to encourage and reassure us – "comfort" us, in the old, strong Bible sense of the word – as we contemplate the unsearchable riches of divine mercy displayed in the Lord Jesus Christ." – J. I. Packer

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Heed, Harken: to prick up the ears, i.e. hearken: - attend, (cause to) hear(-ken), give heed, incline, mark (well), regard.

Direct: to set in a row, i.e. arrange, put in order

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Imprecatory Psalm

- **Imprecatory Psalms:** are those that invoke judgment, calamity, or curses, upon one's enemies or those perceived as the enemies of God. Major imprecatory Psalms include Psalm 69 and Psalm 109, while Psalms 5, 6, 11, 12, 35, 37, 40, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 79, 83, 94, 137, 139, and 143.
- When studying the imprecatory psalms, it is important to note that these psalms were not written out of vindictiveness or a need for personal vengeance. Instead, they are prayers that keep God's justice, sovereignty, and protection in mind.

Are we Supposed to Pray Imprecatory Prayers?

- *"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." **Matthew 5:44-45***
- *Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. **Romans 12:19***
- *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **Romans 12:14***
- *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:12***
- *Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the **Samaritans**, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples **James and John** saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as **Elijah** did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. "For the Son of Man did not come to **destroy men's lives but to save them.**" And they went to another village. **Luke 9:51-56***
- *Now when they had gone through the island to **Paphos**, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was **Bar-Jesus**, who was with the proconsul, **Sergius Paulus**, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. But **Elymas** the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn*

the proconsul away from the faith. Then Saul, who also is called **Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit**, looked intently at him and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.” And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord. **Act 13:6-12**

- And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” **Luke 18:7-8**
- When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” **Revelation 6:9-10**
- For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. **James 2:13**
- For the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. **James 1:20**
- He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! **Revelation 22:20**

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face. – Verses 7, 8

- **Fear: yir’âh, yir-aw’; fear;** morally, reverence:— dreadful, exceedingly, fear(-fulness).
 - Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. **1 Peter 2:17**
 - Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Hebrews 4:16**

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“Flattery is like perfume. The idea is to smell it, not swallow it.”

- Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, “Why are we sitting here until we die? If we say, ‘We will enter the city,’ the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die.” And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there. For the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses—the **noise of a great army**; so they said to one another, “Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!” Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact—their tents, their horses, and their donkeys—and they fled for their lives. **2 Kings 7:3-7**

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- *whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. **1 Peter 1:8-9***

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