

Daily Devotional, January 12, 2021

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The fifth Psalm is one of the many great and instructive prayers found in the Bible. Let us consider today and meditate upon the first six verses of this prayer.

“*Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.*” Our words are spoken to God in prayer. But our meditations are prayers unspoken. Words should be accompanied by holy thoughts, and not just thrown up to heaven and soon forgotten.

“*Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.*” Our voice is distinct. And God knows every voice. He longs to hear your cry today. Let it be known to all men that our sovereign God can grant your request, however difficult it may be.

“*My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.*” God ought to be your first thought, not an afterthought. Let us start first thing in the morning and resolve to give thought to the blessed God and Savior Jesus Christ throughout the day. Shall we not expect answers to our prayers? Shall we not surely enjoy communion with God all day if we set our hearts to that end?

“*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.*” Sin separates from God. If you are holding onto any sin, do not expect that God will be pleased with you today, nor expect that He will be nevertheless obligated to answer your prayers according to your will. We pray for vindication from on high. But let us stay humble, knowing that we too can sin grievously, and others might pray after this manner in regard to us!

Say with David, “*And I will look up.*” Let us not be looking behind us to the past or too far forward to the future. Nor let us look to the left or to the right of the narrow path. But be found by God looking upwards, pursuing holiness of heart with laser focus from the time you arise to the time you lay your head down on the pillow in His peace this evening.