

Psalm 005 - Individual Lament: Confidence in God Who Hates Iniquity

Psalm 5

[To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.]

A Prayer for God's Help

- 1 Listen to my words, LORD, Consider my sighing.
- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my groaning.
- 1 LORD, listen to my words, consider my groaning.
- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.

- 2 Listen to the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, For to You I pray.
- 2 Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, For to You I pray.
- 2 Pay attention to my cry for help, my king and my God, for unto you will I pray.
- 2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

- 3 In the morning, LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will present *my prayer* to You and be on the watch.
- 3 In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch.
- 3 LORD, in the morning you will hear my voice; in the morning I will pray to you, and I will watch for your answer.
- 3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

- 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil can dwell with You.
- 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You.
- 4 Indeed, you aren't a God who delights in wickedness; evil will never dwell with you.
- 4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

- 5 The boastful will not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do injustice.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity.
- 5 Boastful ones will not stand before you; you hate all those who practice wickedness.
- 5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; The LORD loathes the **person of bloodshed and deceit**.

6 You destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

6 You will destroy those who speak lies. The LORD abhors the person of bloodshed and deceit.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

- "...person of bloodshed and deceit" - an OT allusion to the Antichrist; see [Allusions to the Antichrist](#)

— "bloodshed" - describes his military ferocity; one after another his opponents will fall before him; by military might he will advance his throne

— "deceit" - describes his political duplicity; his word will be wholly unreliable, his promises worthless; he will be a manifest incarnation of the one who is father of lies.

- There is no such thing as "abstract evil" except in dictionaries and philosophy books

- Evil is not an abstraction: it is a terrible force, wrecking lives and capturing people for hell

7 But as for me, by Your abundant graciousness I will enter Your house, At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

7 But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house, At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

7 But I, because of the abundance of your gracious love, may come into your house. In awe of you, I will worship in your holy Temple.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before me.

8 O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes; Make Your way straight before me.

8 LORD, lead me in your righteousness because of my enemies. Make your path straight before me.

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

- David prayed for guidance...

9 For there is nothing trustworthy in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction *itself*. Their throat is an open grave; They flatter with their tongue.

9 There is nothing reliable in what they say; Their inward part is destruction *itself*. Their throat is an open grave; They flatter with their tongue.

9 But as for the wicked, they do not speak truth at all. Inside them there is only wickedness. Their throat is an open grave, on their tongue is deceitful flattery.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 Make them pay, God; Have them fall by their own schemes! Scatter them in the multitude of their wrongdoings, For they are rebellious against You.

10 Hold them guilty, O God; By their own devices let them fall! In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out, For they are rebellious against You.

10 Declare them guilty, God! Let them fall by their own schemes. Drive them away because of their many transgressions, for they have rebelled against you.

10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

- David prayed for justice. Anyone who resents this kind of praying can't pray "Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

- If we are troubled by this, perhaps we don't hate sin enough to get upset at the wickedness and godlessness around us. We have gotten too used to the darkness...

11 But rejoice, all who take refuge in You, Sing for joy forever! And may You shelter them, That those who love Your name may rejoice in You.

11 But let all who take refuge in You be glad, Let them ever sing for joy; And may You shelter them, That those who love Your name may exult in You.

11 Let all those who take refuge in you rejoice! Let them shout for joy forever, and may you protect them. Let those who love your name exult in you.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

12 For You bless the righteous person, LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.

12 For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.

12 Indeed, you will bless the righteous one, LORD, like a large shield, you will surround him with favor.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

