

Psalm 5

Psalms 5:1-3 [NIV] *“Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”*

The covenant relationship expressed by King David by the repeated use of the word “my.”

The phrase “my King and my God” gives the prayer a firm footing and puts David’s own kingship into a right context.

We all must accept, whatever position we may hold in society, that we are under authority of the Creator God, and any success is totally dependant on the life and strength we have received from our Creator God.

The secret of a close relationship with the Creator God is to pray to him earnestly each morning. In the morning our minds are more free from problems and then we can commit the whole day to God.

Regular communication strengthens any friendship and is certainly necessary for an intimate relationship with our Creator God.

Every prayer must include two very important factors in our approach to our Creator God.

Wait – Very often God will delay answering our prayer, however fervent it may be. Even when it involves tears, to judge how important our request is to us. Is it a “one-off” request or is it a burden we long to have lifted?

For example, when we pray for all those under trial or persecution because of their Christian faith, do we link this with our patient awaiting the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?

Expectation – When we have been shown by the Holy Spirit a vision of the culmination of God’s plan for all humanity, is it so real to us that it is constantly in our mind and even influences the decisions we make in our life?

Psalms 5:4 [NIV] *“You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.”*

The Creator God **cannot**, because of His holiness and righteousness, condone or excuse even the smallest sin.

Isaiah 59:1 [NIV] *“Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.”*

God is well aware of every sin and through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is able to save us from the consequences of our sins. [**Romans 6:23**]

Isaiah 59:2-4 [NIV] *“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters wicked things. No-one calls for justice; no-one pleads his case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments and speak lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.”*

But any un-confessed and un-repented sin will cut us off from any relationship we may have with God the Father.

Note that this statement by the Creator God through His prophet Isaiah is in the context of setting aside time on the Sabbath day for special time communicating with our Creator God, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. [**Isaiah 58:13-14**]

[Please download and study our article 'What Day Is God's Sabbath Day?' under sub-heading 'Covenants']

God is well aware of every sin we commit [**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:10**] and will bring them into judgement unless we have confessed them and repented of them.

Only then can we stand in God's presence on judgement day without fear of an adverse judgement.

Psalms 5:5 [King James] *"The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity."*

All sin is foolishness and sinners are the greatest of all fools because their foolishness is of their own making.

The Hebrew word for "foolish" is "hâlal" meaning boastful and arrogant.

Psalms 14:1 [NIV] *"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no-one who does good."*

Not believing in a Creator God to Whom they are accountable, causes people to have this boastful and arrogant attitude of mind. [**Proverbs 12:15**]

The Hebrew word translated "iniquity" [in **Psalms 5:5**] is "âven" meaning vanity or to exert oneself on things that will come to nothing in the end. Applied specifically to idol worship, today idol worship is worshipping health, goods and position in society.

God hates such a lifestyle for it will in the end only bring pain, suffering and ultimate death of the human being.

Psalms 5:6 [NIV] *"You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors."*

We need to learn the importance of truth and sincerity in all aspects of life.

John 8:44 [NIV] *"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*

Liars and murderers are children of Satan, therefore it is expected that the Creator God should abhor such people.

Such people are still the enemies of Jesus Christ and Christians.

Romans 1:18-20 [NIV] *"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."*

The major lie that brings God's anger on people who lie about the creation of the earth and universe.

Evolution is a blatant lie and seeks to explain life and physical creation without a Creator God. [Please download and study our articles under the sub-heading 'Evolution']

Psalms 5:7 [Amplified Bible] *"But as for me, I will enter Your house through the abundance of Your steadfast love and mercy. I will worship toward and at Your holy temple in reverent fear and awe of You."*

In contrast to the wicked [v4] King David knew that because of God's love and mercy he could come into the presence of the Creator God.

Two things can give us this same confidence to approach the very throne of God the Father and His Son.

We also through the cleansing of our sins by the sacrificial death of our Saviour Jesus Christ receive God's mercy.

Also a humble, awe-filled approach will make us acceptable to the all-powerful, Holy Triune God.

Hebrews 10:19-24 [NIV] *"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds."*

We have significant privileges associated with our new life in Jesus Christ.

We have personal access to God through our High Priest Jesus Christ and can draw near to God the Father without an elaborate system of rituals and other human beings.

We may grow in faith, overcome doubts and questions, and deepen our relationship with our Creator God.

We may also encourage other people by our own response to our Creator God and Saviour.

Psalms 5:8 [NIV] *"Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies, make straight your way before me."*

"Because of my enemies," the Christian, like King David at the time he wrote this Psalm, have many enemies. The major one being Satan and his demons along with his ministers who are preaching lies. **[2 Corinthians 4:4; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15]**

John 17:13-15 [NIV] *"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."*

It is because of the message that Jesus Christ has given to Christians to preach to all people, that the world hates Christians.

So because of all these enemies we need God, through the Holy Spirit in us, to direct our life day by day **[Galatians 5:25; Romans 8:14; John 16:13; Luke 12:11-12]** so we walk unimpeded by our enemies.

Psalms 5:9-10 [NIV] *"Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit. Declare them guilty, O God! Let their intrigues be their downfall. Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you."*

The sins of speech are once more singled out for special condemnation and are seen as leading directly to destruction.

Lies are so strongly condemned by God because they destroy any trust or faith we can have in other people, even in our Creator God, when servants of Satan lie about His character and His purpose for all humanity. A liar eventually brings about their own downfall.

This is why the Creator God assures us that it is impossible for Him to ever lie, [**Titus 1:1-2**] He is always faithful to His Word and promises.

Psalms 5:11-12 [NIV] *“But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favour as with a shield.”*

True Christianity is a state of great inner joy that is **not** subject to circumstances, because of the sure knowledge that we are all precious to our Creator God and He will always strengthen or protect us in times of trouble.

Joy is one of the fruits of the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit, [**Galatians 5:22-23**] therefore something spiritual that is eternal **not** dependant on physical things and circumstances as is short-lived happiness.

This joy, that is the result of our trust in our Creator God, can bring with it contentment [**Philippians 4:11-13**] and peace of mind. [**John 14:27**]

But unlike the short-lived happiness, it will **not** hinder the spiritual growth in our lives. [**Philippians 3:7-11**]