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<u><b>Bible Study Schedule September 2021</b></u>		
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<b>9/8/2021</b>	<b>Discovering God's Will - Moses</b>	<b>Exodus 32:1-14</b>
<b>9/15/2021</b>	<b>Relying on God - David</b>	<b>Psalms 5</b>
<b>9/22/2021</b>	<b>Praying Together - The Early Church</b>	<b>Acts 4:23-31</b>
<b>9/29/2021</b>	<b>Praying with Confidence - Jesus</b>	<b>Luke 11:1-13</b>

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## This Week's Lesson – September 15, 2021

### Prayer: Our Adventure With God

#### Lesson 2:

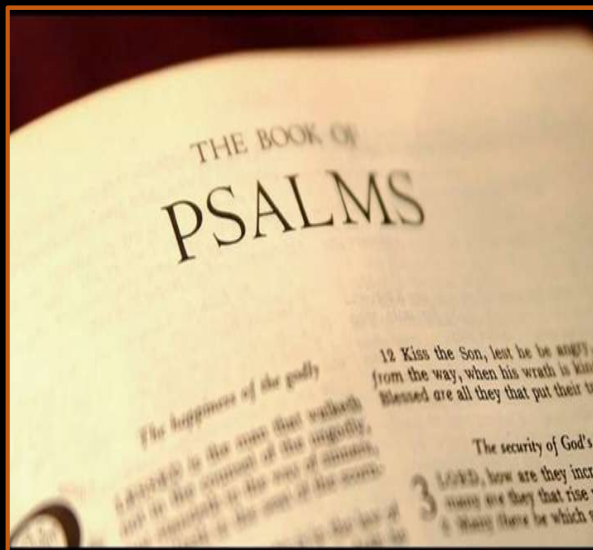
#### **Relying on God - David**

**Exodus 32:1-14**



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## What Are The Psalms?



The Psalms are Hebrew songs/poems that deal with diverse subjects with God.

The Book of Psalms is the longest book in the Bible, with 150 individual Psalms.

The Psalms are Divided into 5 Sections/Books.

The Psalms also prophecy about the coming of Jesus, the Messiah.

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## Overview of Psalm 5

**Author:** King David, The 2<sup>nd</sup> King of Israel (writer of 77 of the 150 Psalms)

**Date of Writing:** Between 1011 - 971 B.C.

**Purpose of Writing:** The psalm is a prayer, a solemn address to God, at a time when the psalmist was brought into distress by his enemies.

**Practical Application:**

- In the times of trouble, we can bring all of our problems, trials and struggle to God in prayer.
- God is able to deal with our enemies much better than we can – leave the judgments to Him.
- Our trouble are not from our physical enemies, but from our spiritual ones (sin, the world, the devil).



King David



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# Read Psalm 5

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**1. David turns to God in prayer. Summarize the requests David makes of God.**

- **Requests For An Audience With God (vv. 1 – 2)**
- **Relaying Confidence In A Response From God (v. 3)**
- **Remembrance On The Justice of God (vv. 4 – 6)**
- **Restoration Of Perseverance & Deliverance in God (vv. 7 – 8)**
- **Rest In The Vengeance Of God (vv. 9 – 10)**
- **Restore The Exuberance Of Worship In The Presence of God (vv. 11 – 12)**



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**2. David is clearly accustomed to beginning his day with prayer (v. 3). What are the benefits of doing this?**

- **Time deliberately set aside for solitary prayer is a crucial part of growing as a Christian.**
- **Praying In the Morning Sets God as the Priority of the Day and of Life**
- **Praying at the start of the day helps to get the day in perspective**
- **Praying in morning is the time when most people are the least tired.**



*Note: David prayed both morning and evening (Ps 3—4). We don't need to fall into legalism or think prayer is only for certain times of the day.*

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3. David is confident that God hears his prayer (v. 3). What does David know about God that explains his confidence?

- **Relationship Through The Mercy Of God:** David knows that by God's Grace and Mercy he is a child of God
- **Reliance On The Availability & Ability of God:** God has been there in the past and he knows God will be there now.
- **Recognition of the Authority of God:** He God as the One with all power and authority yet welcomes him as a son.

*Note: David writes as a king addressing a much greater King - realizing he is accepted solely based on God's mercy.*



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4. List the characteristics of the wicked and the righteous from David's descriptions in the passage.

#### The Wicked

#### Their Descriptions



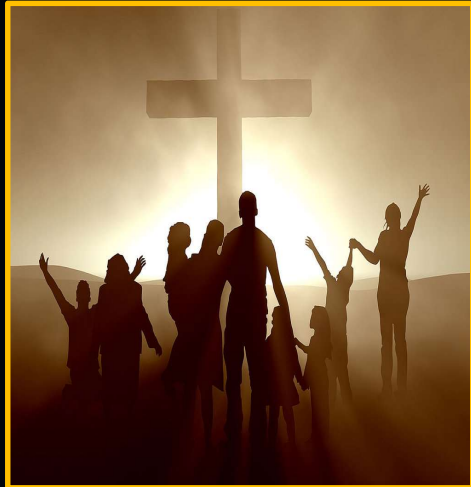
- **Wickedness/Evil**
- **The Boastful**
- **Workers of Iniquity.**
- **Liars - Those Who Speak Falsehood**
- **Bloodthirsty and Deceitful**
- **Throat Is An Open Tomb**
- **Multitude Of Transgressions**



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4. List the characteristics of the wicked and the righteous from David's descriptions in the passage.

### The Righteous



### Their Descriptions

- Humble Before The Lord
- Faithful To Lord
- The Righteous In The Lord
- The Blessed By The Lord
- The Favored of The Lord
- The Loved and Protected By The Lord

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5.. How might David's understanding of God's judgment on his enemies have affected how he dealt with them (vv. 4 – 6, 10) ?

- The Sovereignty Of God: We can trust that God is ruling over all with perfect uncompromising justice.
- The Integrity Of God: God's holiness and character mandates that He must judge sin and sinners.
- The Equity Of God: Evildoers will receive a just reward for their wrongdoing, even if evil appears to succeed.

*"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord." Rom. 12:19 (NKJV)*

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6. How can David's perspective on sin help us to pray for those who oppose us or persecute us because of our faith (v. 10). ?

- **God's Awareness of Our Enemies Sin:** We should realize that God knows it is a spiritual battle rather than physical.
- **God's Remorsefulness Toward Our Enemies Sin:** The Lord regrets our rebellion against Him and desires all to repent
- **God's Faithfulness to Judge Our Enemies Sin:** We pray for our enemies to come to God before it is too late



*"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," Matt 5:44 (NKJV)*

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7. In what ways does David's awareness of God as his provider and protector helped him to remain faithful during attacks?

- **Faithful In God's Purpose:** Although we will have to suffer – God will use it for our good and His glory.
- **Faithful in God's Providence:** Suffering will never be more than we can bear - happening only with God's permission.
- **Faithful In God's Position & Presence:** Even though we may suffer, but our relationship with God is secure.



*"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness...On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand all other ground is sinking sand..." E. Mote*

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**8. What caused God to choose an alternative course of action (v. 14) to that which he originally proposed to do in verse 10?**

- **Talk to God about anything and everything. “Give ear to my words.”**
- **When we don’t know what to say – you can just sit before the Lord or pray the Psalms.**
- **Don’t be ashamed to cry or cry out for help to the Lord.**
- **Meet with the Lord early in the morning for prayer.**
- **Give your enemies and every situation troubling you to God.**
- **After you pray, wait in expectation for the answer.**



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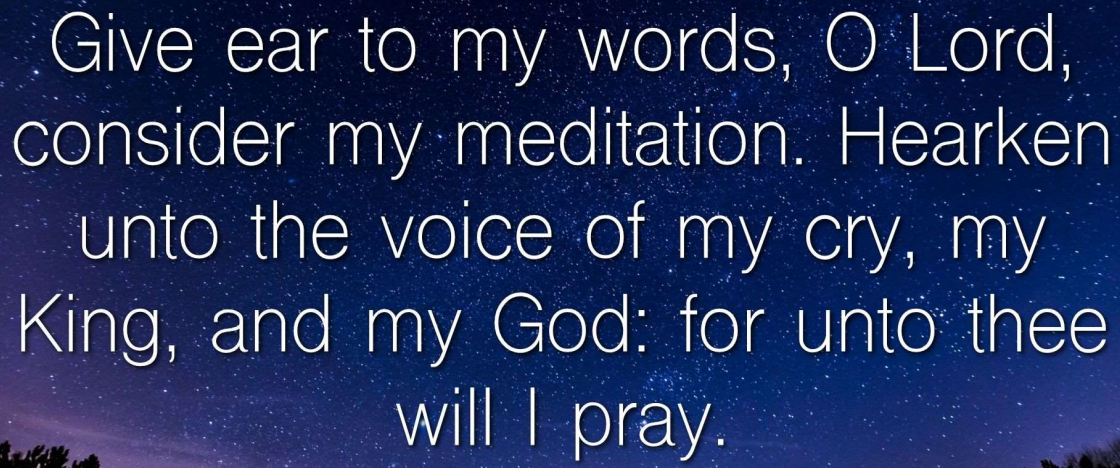
### **Keys For Living**

- **When we face difficulties, we should put our focus on our great God instead of on our problems.**
- **We can have confidence that our Heavenly Father God is always available to hear us when we pray.**
- **Because Jesus has made the way for us to have access to the throne, we can pray for ourselves, our loved ones, and even for our enemies.**



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Give ear to my words, O Lord,  
consider my meditation. Hearken  
unto the voice of my cry, my  
King, and my God: for unto thee  
will I pray.

—Psalm 5:1–2