



CONNECTION

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“Pray and Wait in Expectation”

- ¹ *Give ear to my words, O LORD,
consider my sighing.*
- ² *Listen to my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.*
- ³ *In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you
and wait in expectation. (Psa 5:1–3 NIV)*

I'm not sure what triggered it, exactly, but for some reason, the Lord brought Psalm 5 to mind this past week. And I'm so glad He did. Here we find good encouragement to begin our days with expectant prayer.

When we get out of bed in the morning, it is so easy to begin putting on the worries of the day ahead. There are things to do, and some of them may be hard. We may face problems and challenges of various kinds. David was no stranger to these thoughts. His heart is filled with sighs and he knows that he needs help. We know days like that, too. But David remembers to come to the Lord with his cares; to cry out to the One who hears us. “In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”

I'd love to begin my days that way; with a sense of watchful hope, instead of weariness, or reluctance, or worry. If we recall these verses, we will remember to cast our cares upon the Lord, to deliberately put our trust in the Lord to help us through any looming difficulties. If, by God's grace, we are able to do that, then we can face the day with a different attitude. We will wait to see what God will do with us and through us. We will be looking for ways in which God will answer our prayer, and even do far more than all we ask our imagine (Eph 3:20).

Maybe tomorrow we can wake up with Psalm 5 on our lips and in our minds. Even if we don't feel especially hopeful, we can try to be patient, and decide to watch and wait for signs that the Lord is at work. He is our King, mighty to save. He is the One who hears our voice. And He will act, in His ways, in His timing, and for His glory and our good.

May God meet us in the morning, hear the cries of our hearts, and fill us with faith and expectation as we face the day.

Yours, in Him

Pastor Dave

Men's First Saturday Bible Study
May 7, 9:00 am - Hosea 1