

Lament Participation

Psalms of David · Book I

"For the choir director, for flutes, a Psalm of David"

PICTURE WORD

Morning

IN ONE SENTENCE



Each morning David lays his prayer before a holy God who hates evil, asking to be led in righteousness.

Remember it: Psalm Five: each morning, lay your prayer out and watch for God.

MEMORY VERSE

O Yahweh
in the morning You hear my voice
in the morning I lay before You
and I watch

Psalm 5:3 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

בֹּקֶר

"morning" · verse 3

In the Psalms: eighteen times, in 14 psalms

בֹּקֶר, "morning," is the break of day, when Israel's priests offered the morning sacrifice. David says twice in verse 3 that he will pray "in the morning," then "watch expectantly," like a lookout scanning for an answer. Prayer opens the day before anything else does.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-3** David brings his prayer to his King every morning.
- 4-6** God is holy; evil and lies cannot live with him.
- 7-8** By God's love David enters to worship and asks for guidance.
- 9-10** He describes deceitful enemies and asks God to judge them.
- 11-12** Those who take refuge in God rejoice under his favor.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 9 → Romans 3:13 Their throat is an open grave: all have sinned.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 5 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/5.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Crying Out in Distress

Refuge in Trouble

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Each _____ David lays his prayer before a _____ God who hates evil, asking to be led in _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

- What does David do after laying his requests before God?

☐ (A) Goes back to sleep	☐ (B) Watches expectantly
☐ (C) Forgets about them	☐ (D) Asks someone else
- What is said about evil and God?

☐ (A) Evil can't live with him	☐ (B) God ignores evil
☐ (C) Evil is too strong for him	☐ (D) God enjoys a little evil
- With what does God surround the righteous?

☐ (A) Walls of stone	☐ (B) Many soldiers
☐ (C) Great wealth	☐ (D) Favor, as with a shield

TALK IT OVER

- How does David describe the speech of his enemies in verse 9?

- Why can David enter God's house only "in the abundance of your loving kindness"?

- What would change if you gave God the first minutes of your morning?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 5 TEACH?

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| ☐ I listened to the song | ☐ I can say what it teaches |
| ☐ I can say verse 3 by heart | ☐ I know the picture word |

Answers: Blanks: morning · holy · righteousness · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 3) · 2. A (v. 4) · 3. D (v. 12)