

MORNING MEDITATION

THEME Psalm 5:5-8 - A HIDING PLACE

TEXT The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. [6] Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. [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] Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. Psalm 5:5-8 [KJV]

THE SETTING

- a victory over a giant (1 Sam 17)
- the praise of 'women'(1 Sam 18:7)
- the envy of a king (1 Sam 18:8-13)
- the wisdom of a servant (1 Sam 18:14)

THE 'PROBLEM'

enemies ALL around (*i.e. fools, the 'godless', liars, and deceivers [v5-6]*)

THE 'SOLUTION'

- GOD'S WILL (*the LORD will....[v6]*)
- my WILL (*But as for me, I will....[v7]*)

WHAT GOD WILL DO

1. remove the foolish (v 5)
2. abhor (*to [withdrawal] from [due to] disgust, hatred, or detestation*) the evildoer (v6)
3. destroy the 'liar' (v7)

WHAT I WILL DO

1. I will COME (*move from a place called 'there' to a place called 'here'.....*) (v7)
2. I will WORSHIP (*e.g. reverence, adoration, submission.....*) (v7)
3. I will FOLLOW (*to go after in order to catch; chase; pursue.....*) (v8)

GOD'S 'RESOURCE'/MY 'REFUGE'

1. HIS SIGHT (v5)
2. HIS HOUSE (v7)
3. HIS MERCY (v7)
4. HIS FEAR (v7)
5. HIS TEMPLE (v7)
6. HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS (v7)
7. HIS WAY (v8)

SELECTED VERSES FOR MEDITATION

If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked. Proverbs 29:12 [KJV]

The king's command is backed by great power. No one can resist or question it. Eccles. 8:4 [NLT]

If you are wise and understand God's ways, live a life of steady goodness so that only good deeds will pour forth. And if you don't brag about the good you do, then you will be truly wise! [14] But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your hearts, don't brag about being wise. That is the worst kind of lie. [15] For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and motivated by the Devil. [16] For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and every kind of evil. James 3:13-16 [NLT]

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephes. 6:12 [KJV]