

Psalms – Praying with Gritty, Grace-fueled Gratitude

Psalm 5 ESV

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God is gracious and holy and therefore we can and should pray with confidence and thankfulness for deliverance from our enemies.

A1 – Looking to God

B1 – The Fate of the Wicked

C – Worship of God

B2 – The Fate of the Rebellious

A2 – Receiving from God

The Fate of the Wicked: Attribute Appreciation

What do we learn about prayer?

- God's attributes should be recognized
- Eg. My devotions – “consider my groaning

What can we be thankful for?

- God is a holy and righteous God
- “How vigorous is God in his righteousness

Worship of God: Grace-fueled Gratefulness

What do we learn about prayer?

- When we face our enemies—Satan, Sin, World—we should pray, “lead me in your righteousness”
- Begin with an inward focus

What can we be thankful for?

- Grace – the steadfast, committed, loyal love of God which gained us access to Him even though we didn’t deserve it

The Fate of the Rebellious: Gritty Gratitude

What do we learn about prayer?

- What God hates we can pray against
- Praying the imprecatory psalms!

What can we be thankful for?

- Gritty gratitude
 - There are things in God’s Word that are difficult to be thankful for: judgment, sovereignty, election
 - Piper: We should always approve the righteous judgments of God. When we see that God has judged a person or a people, we should approve. It is blasphemy to criticize God for his judgments. Or, to put it differently, it is blasphemy to try to be more merciful than God.
 - Let’s ask God to help us understand them
 - Let’s ask God to help us be thankful

Receiving from God: Bountiful Blessing

What do we learn about prayer?

- We should ask that the favourable dealings of God for his beloved (blessings of the atonement: ransom, expiation, propitiation, redemption, reconciliation) form a protective shield around us so that the evil effects of our enemies (Satan, sin, and the world) do not ruin us!

What can we be thankful for?

- We have a refuge in Christ

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- To the choirmaster: for the flutes. A Psalm of David.

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- For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

- evil may not dwell with you.
- The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
- you hate all evildoers.
- You destroy those who speak lies;
- the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
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- But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
- will enter your house.
- I will bow down toward your holy temple
- in the fear of you.
- Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
- because of my enemies;
- make your way straight before me.
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- For there is no truth in their mouth;
- their inmost self is destruction;
- their throat is an open grave;
- they flatter with their tongue.
- Make them bear their guilt, O God;
- let them fall by their own counsels;
- because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
- for they have rebelled against you.
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- But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
- let them ever sing for joy,
- and spread your protection over them,
- that those who love your name may exult in you.
- For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
- you cover him with favor as with a shield.