

Psalm 5 - Cast your Cares upon God

We are continuing our series tonight -The Songs of David

A)Looking at the Psalms that DAVID wrote that correspond to the events – narrative on Sun am

B)On Sunday we saw the beginnings of David's relationship with Jonathan in 1 Samuel 18

C)But we also saw the Beginnings of King Saul's jealousy toward David

D)How on two separate occasions Saul tried to Pin David to the wall with a Spear – Kill Him

So David has this new Position in the Kingdom

A)Special aid to King Saul – he is also a commander in the Army.

B)But now the King is trying to Kill him for seemingly no reason.

C)Imagine how confusing that would have been for David.

Well Psalm 5 gives us a glimpse of what was going on in his heart and mind as this was unfolding

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my meditation.

2 Give heed to the voice of my cry,

The first thing that stands out to me about this Psalm and about David is this:

A)When we are under attack from people around us

B)There is a natural temptation to talk to others about our situation –

C)And it is true that the Bible says there is a multitude of wisdom in many counselors

D)But the thing that David does – over and over again in his life in these sort of difficulties

1)IS BEFORE HE TALKS TO ANYONE ELSE – HE TALKS TO GOD

E)Sometimes he never talks to anyone else.

We will see in the years that follow – David would end up be chased around Israel as a fugitive 13 yrs

A)He has plenty of opportunities to lash out at King Saul – but he never does.

B)But what David does do is he TALKS TO GOD

C)We see a great example of this in Psalm 5

David Talks to God.

A)Begging God to bend his ear – 1 Give ear-

B)Give Heed – it is like he is saying please listen to me – bend your hear to my words – my cry

Bb)But then he adds – Consider my meditation -

C)Ever have moments where you just don't have words?

1)Moan – groan or just in your thoughts

D)I am a Processer – I am a thinker

1)Lord discern and decipher my thoughts – my meditations -

E)See there are plenty of times where I can't trust my thoughts – my meditations

1)I need God to consider them – decipher them

Consider David's View of God

- My King and my God, For to You I will pray.

A)When his earthly king is acting like anything but a King –

B)David turns his heart to the King of Kings – the Lord of Lords

C)Some of you need to apply this to your Boss right now – who has upset you or who has been acting unreasonable –

D)Turn your heart to the King of Kings – the Lord Lords

E)Instead of complaining to others – complain to him – Cry out to him!

1)That is a mark of spiritual depth and maturity

Imagine how this would change marriages in this church if we did this?

A) Instead of getting on the phone – complaining about your spouse if you took your spouse to the Lord

B) Imagine if we did that in the body of Christ -

C) Church people can be so prone to gossip – run the mouth –

1) Church hurt – big deal –

We live in this day and age where we are so prone to want to vent our frustrations about everything

A) Some love to do it on SM – Angry Birds – Angry Christians

B) What we are voicing on SM spills over into our conversations

C) Christians do this all the while forgetting this

In Proverbs 6 the Lord lays out seven things that he hates! – That is serious

A) We use the word HATE lightly – I hate peas – I hate the weather in Minnesota – heard it is cold

B) The Lord uses the word hate sparingly

16 These six things the Lord hates,
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

#1 17A proud look,

#2 A lying tongue,

#3 Hands that shed innocent blood,

#4 18A heart that devises wicked plans,

#5 Feet that are swift in running to evil,

#6 19A false witness who speaks lies,

#7 And one who sows discord among brethren.

**C) Notice the last two: 19A false witness who speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.**

D) Yet those are two things that are often rampant in the church.

E) Pray for so and so – Gossip session –

The Lord hates that stuff -

A) David had a legitimate reason to talk bad about Saul – and all throughout this period he never does. –

B) Highly commendable - Great example to follow – Bring it to God!

2nd Notice When He prays

3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord;
In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.

A) Folks this is so important – especially when you are going through difficulty – with others

B) Especially when you are dealing with a situation that has the potential to lead to bitterness and resentment

C) You start the day bringing your heart to the Lord – for two reasons

#1 Forgiveness is an action word – not a feeling or emotion

A) Throw in the Cross – Marah – Bitterness

B) Throw in the Cross – apply the Cross –

C) An action that sets my heart in the right place

D) Attitude of Jesus – Father forgive them they don't know what they are doing. –

People are acting poorly – misinformed or they are in Sin

A) Bring my heart to the Lord – that helps me get through the day

B) Have the right attitude – Treat them like Jesus – Put on Christ - Jason's story

C) So I can go to bed that night feeling my heart is in the right place –

1) I am at peace/ this is in the hands of the Lord

D) Sleep like a Baby that night

But then the next day -I wake frustrated all over again

A) So I have to repeat that process that morning – bring my heart and my emotions back under the Cross and grace

B) Morning prayer time is Vital

C) Vital for a 2nd reason: - What David says at the very end of this – And I will look up

Prayer/Praise – this is a Song gets us Vertical perspective

A)Our Circumstances get us Horizontal focused – my horrible situation

B)The News gets us Horizontal – this crazy world

C)Friends get us Horizontal Focused

We need to rise above

A)The View from a Plane – Kieth's Giro Copter – Flew over the church

B)The idea of looking up also means to look expectantly.

C)CSB translates V3 in this way - 3 In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you and watch expectantly.

Now Not only Does David look to God – but he reminds himself of what God stands for – You...

4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,
Nor shall evil dwell with You.
David meditated on the righteous character of God.

5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight;
You hate all workers of iniquity.
As David drew closer to God, he became more aware of God's holiness and man's sinfulness.

“This is a good way to measure how well you are praying and whether, as you pray, you are drawing close to God or are merely mouthing words. If you are drawing close to God, you will become increasingly sensitive to sin, which is inevitable since the God you are approaching is a holy God.” (Boice)

6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood;
The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

3rd David's Response to who God is

7But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;

A)This was David's confidence.

B)It wasn't that David thought that he was righteous, and all others were sinners.

1)His foundation of his confidence was the mercy of God.

C)Mercy is God not giving us what we do deserve

In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

Fear = Reverence for God – he was not approaching God in a casual way or irreverent way.

A)None of this I am Talking to the man upstairs or Jesus is my Home Boy! –

B)Come on please – if he Physically showed up in the room –

C)We would all fall on our Face! His Majesty – His Glory.

Enjoy the intimacy – but don't lose the Reverence

A)Jesus was teaching his Disciples to pray

B)Our Father – Intimacy

1)Hallowed – holy and Sacred – Reverence

C)CSB -Your name honored as holy

D)Then Your Kingdom come your will be done on earth in my house – my family – this church as it is in heaven -

E)Talking to a King – the King of Kings

V.8

8 Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.

A)This reflects David's constant reliance on God.

B)He needed God to lead him and to make the way straight.

C) David walked the right way but was humble about it.

D)He knew it was only God's power and work in him that kept him from the way of the wicked.

This is such a huge and wise prayer – when you are under attack from Physical enemies –

A)it is so easy to get in the flesh – so easy to let your feelings get the best of you. –

B)It is so easy to get off track.

There is a great need for the Lord to make his way
Straight before your face.

A)I have had times like this in my life – under attack

B)the Lord has ministered to my heart so clearly –
this is the way walk in it.

C)Don't lash out – don't get side tracked – you stay
focused on this –

1)what I have put before you right now.

Remember told in Luke 9:51 Jesus set his face like
Flint to head toward Jerusalem – THE MISSION

A)Flint is like a Rock – unbending

B)Jesus was unwavering in his determination and
resolve to fulfill his purpose,

1)which involved traveling to Jerusalem and
ultimately being crucified there

C)Sometimes we need to pray that way – Set my face
straight –

1)Eye on the Prize

D)7th Grade relay -Looking back

**E)Focused – don't get side tracked – the Devil
wants to get us side tracked**

After reminding himself of who God is – He reminds
himself of the characteristics of the enemy.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; {Can't
be trusted

Their inward part is destruction;

Their throat is an open tomb; {They are bent on
destruction –

Satan thief robber who comes to kill Rob and destroy

They flatter with their tongue. {King Saul was full of
flattery toward David at times – but in the next
breathe cursing him

I have learned to not take too seriously the flattery of
People –

A)Because too many times – Flattery often turns to
disdain-

B)The Lady on Sunday!!!

C)flattery to my face talking bad about me behind my
back

D)Those who want to be in leadership: Par for the
course.

David does the Wisest thing here: He calls on the
Lord to be his Defense

10 Pronounce them guilty, O God!

Let them fall by their own counsels;

Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions,
For they have rebelled against You.

But he follows that up with a Word to those who trust
in the Lord

11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;

Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend
them;

Let those also who love Your name

Be joyful in You.

12 For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous;

With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

David needed a Shield right now – Saul is throwing
spears at him – God was definitely that to him.

As we close out this Psalm tonight I want to Divide
what David says here into two Categories for
application

**Category #1 Reverence: What Does David say
about God that can bring our hearts into a place
of Reverence toward God**

**Category #2 Response: How should we respond to
what David says here about God?**

Reverence toward God

V.1 He is the one who hears our words, our cries, and
even our sighs.

None of that falls on Def ears!

Response: Therefore -I will cry out to him and talk
to him first with my cares, cries and concerns.

Cast all your cares upon him because he cares for
you. 1 Peter 5:8

V.2 He is our King and our God!

➤ We are coming to the one who not only hears
but also has the power and authority to help.

Response: Therefore I should approach the Lord in
confidence that he is not just able to listen, but
capable to respond to my need.

Reverence:

V.3 We can plead with him and then wait and watch expectantly!

Response: Therefore: I can come to him and wait on him with expectation that he is going to move and work in my situation.

Reverence:

V.4-6 He resist the proud ant the evil heart and rightly judges lies and deception.

Response: Therefore I can trust him to work accordingly in my situation in his timing.

Reverence

V.8 You lead your servants in straight paths

Response: Therefore I will be willing to be led and directed by your Guidance.

Reverence:

V.11 You are our great Defender.

Response: Therefore We will worship you and find our Joy in you and your faithful care.

Reverence:

V.12 You bring blessing on your people and cover them like a shield

Response: Therefore I will rest in your ability to cover me and my heart and not run when trouble arises.