



Consider my Groaning

5th in the “Psalms” Series

Psalm 5

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Introduction

In this sermon we are reminded to reach for and take refuge in God in our sufferings and dark days.

The Text: Psalm 5

¹ Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. ² Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. ³ O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. ⁴ For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. ⁵ The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. ⁶ You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. ⁹ For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

1) God is present with us in our dark moments (vv. 1-3).

2) God is a champion for what is right and just (vv. 4-6, 9-10).

3) God is ministering to us in our groanings (vv. 7-8, 11-12).

Response

O Lord, give attention to the sound of our cry, our King and our God, for to you do we pray.

Sunday Text Questions

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- 1) Starter Question: Can you think of an experience in which you felt overwhelmed with grief and suffering?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) If God can see and hear everything, why does the Psalmist ask God to “Give ear to my words” (v. 1) and “Give attention to the sound of my cry” (v. 2)?
- 4) Or why does the Psalmist ask for God to hear him when in v. 3 he says, “in the morning you hear my voice?” How should we understand that apparent tension?
- 5) What do vv. 4-6 teach us about the ways and the reasons God will destroy all evil and legislate justice over all his creation?
- 6) How do vv. 4-6 give us comfort even when such evil is “not yet” destroyed?
- 7) What do vv. 7-8 teach the Christian about the proper response to evil and evil doers in this world?
- 8) How do vv. 11-12 give insight into how God cares for his people in the midst of their suffering or even persecution?
- 9) What types of things in your life might you pray to God about, asking him to “give attention to the sound of your cry?”
- 10) How do you see God “shielding” (v. 12) you in the midst of your current situations, maybe even in the midst of your current sufferings?

Further study this week: Passages on God hearing the prayers of his people: Psalm 66:17-20 (Mon); Proverbs 15:29 (Tues); Jeremiah 33:3 (Wed); Matthew 6:8 (Thurs); John 9:31 (Fri).