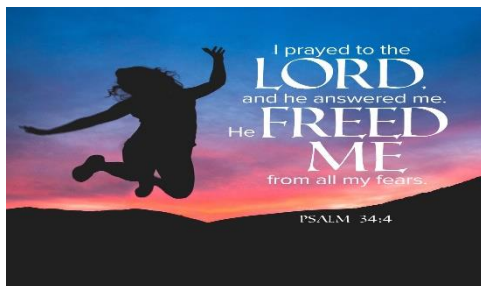


Psalms 4-6



Psalm 4

Message: David asks God to vindicate him from his accusers and finds rest in knowing that God will keep him safe.

- I. The Supplication (4:1-6): David cries out to God for relief from his distress.
- II. The Shame (4:2): David's enemies are attempting to ruin his reputation with groundless accusations.
- III. The Sanctification (4:3): God has set apart the godly for himself.
- IV. The Scrutiny (4:4-5): David calls people to search their heart in silence and trust God.
- V. The Security (4:7-8): Knowing that God will keep him safe, David can sleep in peace.

Psalm 5

Message: David asks God to lead and protect him. He also calls upon God to destroy his wicked enemies.

- I. The deliverance of the godly (5:1-3, 7-8, 10-12)
 - A. The petition (5:1-3, 7-8, 10)
 1. Whom he prays to (5:1-2): David calls upon the Lord alone to help him.
 2. When he prays (5:3): David prays to the Lord each morning.
 3. Where he prays (5:7): David prays and worships in the Temple.
 4. What he prays (5:8, 10)
 - a. David asks the Lord to lead him in the right path (5:8).
 - b. David asks the Lord to declare his enemies guilty (5:10).

- B. The praises (5:11-12): David calls all who find refuge in the Lord to rejoice and praise him.
- II. The Destruction of the Godless (5:4-6, 9): David professes that the Lord detests the wicked and will not let them stand in his presence.
 - A. Why (5:4-5); The Lord detests the wicked and will not let them stand in his presence.
 - B. Who (5:6,9): This includes liars, murderers, and deceivers.

Psalm 6

Message: In this penitential Psalm David says he is worn out from weeping and prays for the Lord to be merciful to him. David is confident that the Lord has heard his prayer.

- I. David's Request (6:1-7):
 - A. What he desires (6:1-2, 4-5): David cries out for the Lord to be merciful to him.
 - 1. Do not rebuke me (6:1-2).
 - 2. Do rescue me (6:4-5).
 - B. Why he desires it (6:3, 6-7)
 - 1. He is sick at heart (6:3).
 - 2. He is worn out from sobbing (6:6-7).
- II. David's Reassurance (6:8-10): David is reassured that the Lord has heard his prayer and that his enemies will be disgraced.

Psalm 43

Message: In this Psalm, which complements Psalm 42, the Psalmist calls upon God for deliverance from his enemies. He wants God's light and truth, to lead him to worship him.

- I. Defend Me! (43:1-2): The Psalmist calls for God to defend him against ungodly people.
- II. Direct Me! (43:3-5): The Psalmist asks God to send his light and truth to guide him into God's presence.