

Psalm 5: Seeking God in the Morning

THE POINT: It is appropriate for believers, at the beginning of the day, to seek God's help, to acknowledge God's character, to praise and rely on God's goodness, to seek for God's victory over evil, and plead for God's protection.

I. It is appropriate at the beginning of one's day to seek God's help, 1-3

1. *Groaning*, 1
2. *Cry for help*, 2 (NASB)
3. *Worship and watch*, 3

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II. It is appropriate to acknowledge God's hostility toward wickedness, 4-6

1. *God's character is such that he cannot abide wickedness*, 4
 - 1) He takes no delight in wickedness, 4a
 - 2) He allows no evil to dwell with him, 4b

2. *God is in a state of hostility toward those characterized by evil*, 5-6
 - 1) The boastful, 5a
 - 2) Evildoers, 5b
 - 3) Speakers of lies, 6a
 - 4) Bloodthirsty and deceitful, 6b

IMPL: 1)

2)

III. It is appropriate to acknowledge God's grace and seek his guidance, 7-8

1. *Believers stand only by God's steadfast love*, 7
2. *Believers are to be guided by God's righteous will*, 8

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IV. It is appropriate to desire and seek God's victory over those who remain his enemies, 9-10

1. *God's hostility is merited by those who continue in unrepentant sin, 9*
2. *God is right to impose a just penalty, 10*

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3)

V. It is appropriate to rejoice in God's protection and favor, 11-12

1. *Rejoicing over God's protection, 11*
2. *Blessed with God's favor, 12*

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