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Lesson 4: Psalm 5

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Author: David

Background: Could be during the time of running from his son, Absalom.

Theme: The lies of enemies. God is able to defend us from lies spoken against us. (from the Life Application Bible)

Outline **(All outlines are taken from Warren Wiersbe's The Bible Exposition Commentary)**

1. We Prepare to Meet the Lord (v.1-3)

Despite what David was going through, he would meet with the Lord every morning. He would *direct* his prayers to God. Direct means **orderly**. Do your prayers fit this description? Have you ever heard of praying according to ACTS?

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

2. We Seek to **Please the Lord (v.4-6)**

God hates various things, e.g., alien worship (Dt. 12:31), religion without heart worship (Am. 5:21), wickedness in all its forms (Prov. 8:13), and the members that commit it (Prov.

6:16ff.). This is not an emotional hatred but a disowning of evil and of those who commit it.¹

God's hatred is in response to the hatred of the wicked. God visits sins to the third and fourth generation of those who hate him (Ex. 20:5). Hating God means ignoring his commands and persecuting his people. Those who hate God may be strong, and they show their hatred by repaying evil for good, but in the long run their opposition to God is doomed to failure (Pss. 34:21; 35:19; 38:19–20; 69:4; 86:17).²

Other verses where we see God's hate: Deut. 12:31; Ps. 11:5; 7:11; Prov. 6:16-19; 8:13; Amos 5:21

God hating the workers of iniquity does not mean they are beyond redemption. If the wicked turn to God, He will lovingly forgive them. (Jon. 3:10; Joel 2:12-17; Jer. 18:8).

The Lord is slow to anger! (Neh. 9:17; Ps. 103:8; Jon. 4:2; Nah. 1:3)

The Lord desires for all to come to repentance! (II Pt. 3:9)

We are not to hate others! God commands that hatred should be overcome (Lev. 19:17-18).³

The people of God are to please the Lord rather than do what He hates! We are to hate what He hates.

Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. ⁴

3. We Submit to the Lord (v.7-12)

But as for me...

David prayed for:

- Guidance (v.7-8)
- Justice (v.9-10)
- Blessing (v.11-12)

¹ Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1995). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (598). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.

² Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1995). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (598). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.

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⁴ *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. 1996 (electronic ed.) (Ps 97:10). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.