

The Pastor Patrick Podcast – Episode 5 Notes

Title: Psalm 5 | Episode 5 of The Pastor Patrick Podcast

Text: Psalm 5:1–12

Topic: Morning Prayer & Confidence in God's Justice

Observations from Psalm 5

What is happening in this passage?

- **Context:** A Psalm of David, often called a "**morning prayer**" — a cry for God's justice and a call to trust Him from the very start of the day.
 - **Verses 1–3:** David lays his lament before God at daybreak.
 - "In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly."
 - A daily rhythm of prayer rooted in hope and dependence.
 - **Verses 4–6:** A declaration of God's holiness and justice.
 - God is not pleased with wickedness; evil is not welcome in His presence.
 - "You destroy those who tell lies... the bloodthirsty and deceitful you, Lord, detest."
 - **Verses 7–8:** David contrasts himself with the wicked, entering God's house by grace.
 - "By your great love I can come into your house... lead me, Lord, in your righteousness."
 - **Verses 9–10:** A prayer for judgment on the wicked and deceitful.
 - "Let their intrigues be their downfall... for they have rebelled against you."
 - **Verses 11–12:** A declaration of trust and joy for the righteous.
 - God is a refuge and shield; His favor surrounds those who love Him.
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Interpretation

What spiritual truths can we draw from this passage?

- **Start your day with God.** David models intentional morning prayer, surrendering his heart and waiting in trust.
- **God is holy and just.** He does not ignore wickedness — evil will not ultimately prevail.
- **Access to God is by grace.** David acknowledges he can only enter God's presence through His love, not merit.
- **The righteous take refuge in God.** He surrounds them with favor and gives them reason to rejoice.
- **Justice and mercy are not opposites in God—they're perfectly held together.**

"Morning prayer shapes how we see the day: through justice, mercy, and holy expectation."

Application

How can we live this out?

- **Begin your day in prayer.** Whether it's two minutes or twenty, set your heart before God.
- **Trust God's justice when the world feels unjust.** Evil will not go unaddressed.
- **Recognize your access to God is by His love.** Walk humbly, not pridefully.
- **Take refuge in God's presence.** Especially when culture, noise, or anxiety press in.
- **Live as one surrounded by favor—not fear.**

Reflection Questions

1. What does your morning rhythm currently look like—and is God part of it?
2. Where do you need to trust God's justice instead of taking matters into your own hands?
3. Are you living from God's favor or from performance and pressure?
4. What would it look like to rejoice in the Lord at the start of each day?
5. Is there someone in your life who needs to be reminded that God is both just and merciful?

Additional Scripture Connections

- **Lamentations 3:22–23** – “His mercies are new every morning.”
- **Psalm 4:8** – Peace at night; contrast to Psalm 5's morning start
- **Matthew 6:33** – “Seek first the kingdom of God...”
- **Isaiah 33:2** – “Be our strength every morning...”
- **Romans 12:19** – “Vengeance is mine, I will repay,” says the Lord