

## Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

### Psalm 4: 1-2; 6-7

#### **New International Version**

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord. You have filled my heart with greater joy.

#### ***The Message***

*When I call, give me answers. God, take my side!*

*Once, in a tight place, you gave me room;*

*Now I'm in trouble again: grace me! hear me!*

*"More, more," they say. "More, more." I have God's more-than-enough, More joy in one ordinary day*



**Do you pray?** The Lord taught us (his disciples) to pray by giving us *The Lord's Prayer* and by leaving the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in prayer and enable to prayer in the deepest sense - even beyond what words can express!

In the verse above, David is worried, anxious or distressed; and his plea is that God will be merciful or kind to him, and will hear his prayer. When you pray, do you ask God for help and for understanding; and do you believe that he does help and does understand? Through the trials of his life, David learned and experienced God's help and understanding; he learned that God's power and wisdom are beyond human comprehension and capability.

Both in David's time and since that time, the causes for distress have existed; the wickedness of man in the earliest time of the world resulted in the great flood and the destruction of all but Noah, his family and the animals on board the Ark. David may have been distressed for a similar cause; others were not worshiping the Lord but idols of one sort or another. This condition of others grieved David and described in others verses of this chapter of Psalm.

As I have asks you questions, David ask the question, "Who can show us any good?" Then he seems to respond to the question with the request, "Let the light of your face (God) shine upon us, O Lord." This light evidently had

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been the source of "great joy" for David and, in turn, can be that for others - even for me and you.

*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

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