

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 5: 3; 11

New International Version

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

The Message

*Every morning you'll hear me at it again.
Every morning I lay out the pieces of
my life on your altar and watch for fire
to descend.*

*But you'll welcome us with open arms
when we run for cover to you.*

Let the party last all night!

Stand guard over our celebration.



The morning is a wonderful time; yes, it does include waking up but also means the start of a new day and ideally a night of good rest. In the first verse of this Psalm, David is apparently describing his "quiet time" with God: a time of prayer, reading and listening that occurs simply between you and God. David is proclaiming that he has a quiet time that includes requests whether for himself or for others. He might be praying for protection or strength in difficult circumstances, or he might be praying for others that they know God as he knows God; whatever the content of his prayer, the timing seems to be in the morning and the process seems to produce expectation and wonder - the mystery of God!

David was at times under a great deal of stress and had witnessed the refuge possible in God. In the second of these two verses from Chapter 5, he prays that, as he has experienced or witnessed, that others would find joy or be glad in this refuge - that they would find the security and the peace that comes when God covers us with his protection and loves us unconditionally.

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In all our expectation and wonder of God what seems to matter most is that he loves us and wants his love to be in us. By having this love, we can experience the joy and the glad heart in the presence of stress or other difficulty.

Lord, I prayer for your protection over them....

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