

Scripture: Psalm 5

Singing: 186:1-5 – 110:1-3 – 190:1 – 159:1, 4

A. The book of Psalms is “a Bible within the Bible” (Luther)

B. The book of Psalms is ‘the anatomy of spiritual life.’ (Calvin)

B. The book of Psalms is liturgy for private, family, and congregational worship

GUIDANCE FROM DAVID’S TURNING TO THE LORD HIS GOD

I. His resolve II. His Prayer

I. His Resolve

A. David’s resolve is spoken in face of many other voices (vs. 9-10)

1. Not clear when/who/what but they are wicked (vs. 4-6)

2. Upright are not exempt from enemies without and fears within

B. David’s resolve: vs. 7a

1. **As for me:** *He decidedly turns to God instead of solving his own problem*

2. **I will come:** *I will approach Him, in His house, facing toward holy temple*

3. **in thy fear:** *with utmost reverence about coming to and before God*

II His Prayer

A. **Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness**

1. David’s enemies question his righteousness and the upright amen that

2. Though uncomfortable, is God’s way to teach us David’s prayer

B. **Lead me and ... make thy way straight (make level, plain) before my face**

1. This cry is fitting at all times and in all situations (Ps. 25:5)

2. Yet notice he prayed *make **thy** way straight before my face*