

Psalm 5 – “Praying Under Pressure in a Time of Real Danger”

THE THEME: Praying under pressure

KEY VERSE: v.3

Verses 1-3 ... The Basics of Praying Under Pressure

1st – BE REAL and EARNEST – v.1-2

2nd – BE COMPLETELY COMMITTED – v.3

3rd – BE EXPECTANT – v.3 – Psalm 130:5-6... Mark 11:22-24

Verses 4-7 ... Knowing the God We Pray To – (v.2> “My King and my God”

God is VERY HOLY – Psalm 45:1-7

Dale Ralph Davis – *‘David seems a bit shocking to a sentimentalized twenty-first century mindset: Yahweh hates all evil doers; will cause those who speak lies to perish; and detests bloodthirsty and deceitful men (v.5b-6). How vigorous God is in His righteousness! Verses 5b and 6b sort of blow up the myth about God ‘hating sin yet loving the sinner’... You do not pray to a bland blob.’*

God is VERY MERCIFUL and FEARFUL (v.7)

Verses 8-10 ... The Specifics of Praying Under Pressure

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Verses 11-12 ... The Expectation of Praying Under Pressure

Martyn Lloyd-Jones – *‘Do you want to know supreme joy, do you want to experience a happiness that eludes description? There is only one thing to do, really seek (God), seek Him Himself, turn to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. If you find that your feelings are depressed do not sit down and commiserate with yourself, do not try to work something up but go directly to Him and seek His face... If you seek the Lord Jesus Christ and find Him there is no need to worry about your happiness and your joy. He is our joy and our happiness, even as He is our peace. He is life, He is everything. So avoid the incitements and the temptations of Satan to give feelings this great prominence at the centre. Put at the centre the only One who has a right to be there, the Lord of Glory, Who so loved you that He went to the Cross and bore the punishment and the shame of your sins and died for you.’* – *Spiritual Depression* (pp.117-18)