Enchanted Forest of Psalms

August 24, 2025

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<u>1</u>	Tree Planted by a Stream	George Pine's Deep Roots
<u>119</u>	God's Holy Word, Law, Wisdom	General Sherman Sequoia
<u>19</u>	Heavens Declare God's Glory	Huge Oak of David
96	Sing a New Song, Let Heavens Rejoice	Red Maple's Profuse Beauty
<u>132</u>	Lord, REMEMBER David	Liberty Trees of Early U.S.A.
110	Sit at My Right Hand	HANGING Trees of Old
<u>18</u>	Lord Is My Rock, His Way Perfect	Mighty Elms - Keel of Ship
105	Give Praise, Remember Wonders	Douglas Fir for Homes
<u>38</u>	Lord, Do Not Rebuke, Arrows Pierced M	e <mark>Poi</mark> sonous Driftwoo <mark>d</mark>
<u>32</u>	My Hiding Place & Forgiveness	Nobel Pine, 126 Species
<u>23</u>	Lord is My Shepherd	Nightingale of Psalms
<u>139</u>	Thou Has Searched Me, Lord Knightw	oo <mark>d Oak – Q</mark> ueen of Fo <mark>rest</mark>
<u>5</u>	Hear My Cry, Lead Me	Hickory –
	American Wagon Wheel	
<u>42</u>	Deep Calls unto Deep	Weeping Willow

Psalm 5:11

Let them also that
Love Thy Name
be joyful in Thee

Hickory Tree

NOTICE:

Sunday, Sept 28 Class @ Orchard 9:15 - 10:15 Hickory is the HARDEST

Perhaps, LISTENING

is the HARDEST Skill of all



We can LEARN
a little about
JOY from our

Doggy

















When as a brand new Christian ... young ... 19-21ish

Book of James & chap 1 became favorites – simple, wise, practical

As a NEW Christian, I started reading the Bible, not as a dusty book

But as God's word to us ... lot of confusing verses

Some verses defied logic, defied MY logic, defied MY common sense one most troubling passage was James 1:2

Consider it PURE JOY, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds.

WHAT? I did NOT want to "CONSIDER" any "trials" as JOY!

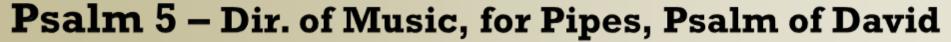
Honestly, truly, cross my heart – I am not capable of that! Or so I thought. Or so I *mused* as the decades passed.

Book of James & chap 1 are STILL favorites – and James 1:2 easier You cannot POP Joy out of a can – but you can FIND JOY

in Prayer to God







- 1-3 Plea to God's Ear Hear My Cry
- 4-6 Plea to God's Character vs Enemies
- 7-8 David's Faith in God
- 9-10 Plea for God's Judgment on EVIL
- 19-24 Plea for God's Shield

Psalm 5 ends with JOY ... closes with REJOICE

Psalm 5 overcomes in PRAYER to TRUST

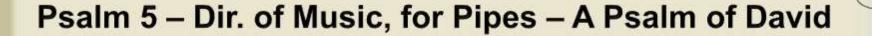
God's Shield











Psalm 5 – while "Musician or Director of Music" is clear in the title
Hebrew Nehiloth for "Pipes" or "Flutes" is NOT CLEAR
Root comes from "to perforate" or "to bore through" – hence FLUTE
NO ONE knows for sure – could mean use of wind instruments
LXX or Septuagint on 200 B.C. when Hebrews trans Bible in Greek
translated Nehiloth "For him who shall obtain inheritance"
Abraham Ibin Ezra (1089-1169),

Most respected Hebrew scholars of Middle Ages thought word could be a known melody used for this Psalm

Fact is, NO ONE KNOWS for sure what Nehiloth means, even though root & other musical terms in Psalm lend to WOOD instrument Not native Israel, Hickory's hardness would make a good flute

In most high-stress professions like police & ER docs
Humor is a stress relief – jokes lighten the mood –
Jokes OFTEN bring JOY in the middle of bloody CHAOS
That is NOT the kind of JOY of James 1:2 or of Psalm 5
There is a JOY to be *PULLED* on your face or on *HEART*We MUST & NEED to cheer the downbearted & MUST lift to

We MUST & NEED to cheer the downhearted & MUST lift the fallen JOY of James 1:2 and Psalm 5 is STILL of another grade

another HIGHER work of the heart, GREATER level of strength Another purging of our soul in the MIDDLE of the Storm

David is revealing to us how *HE turned to God*.

Psalm 5 is HARD like James 1:2 because we often *DO NOT WANT*Don't Want to ASK, Plead, & CRY to God for help

When we do CRY to God, a shield will appear—Shield of Faith

1 LISTEN to my words, LORD, CONSIDER MY lament.

Hear Psalm 5 ... Hear the Cry to God about Injustice

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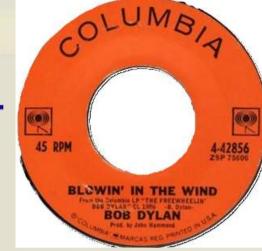
"No More Auction Block" – it's always been a spiritual!

Most acknowledge that the QUESTIONS Dylan asked in the song are rhetorical – no one can truly or fully answer the questions

Hence, song is a light-hearted HIT against unstoppable INJUSTICE

How many roads must a man walk down Before you call him a man?

When the Road Gets ROUGH – David looks UP





1 Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.

Charles H. Spurgeon in his magnificent 5 volume Treasury of David said of Psalm 5:1,

There are two sorts of prayers—
those expressed in WORDS, and the
unuttered LONGINGS which abide as silent meditations.

Words are not the essence but the garments of prayer.

Exodus

Moses at the Red Sea cried to God, though he SAID NOTHING. 14:15

Yet the use of language may *PREVENT* distraction of mind, may assist the powers of the soul, and may excite devotion.

David, we observe, uses both modes of prayer, and craves for the one a *HEARING*, and for the other a *CONSIDERATION*.

What an expressive word!



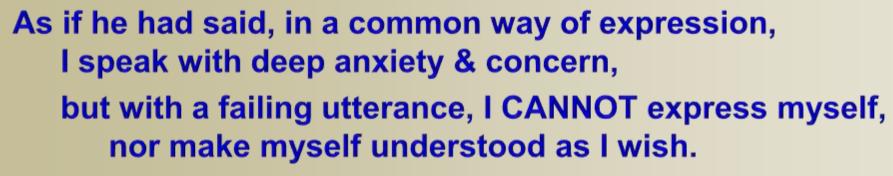
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1 Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.

Great Reformer Martin Luther (1483-1546) said,

But it is of little service for the words to be heard, unless the "CRY" or the roaring ... be considered.



Do thou, therefore, understand from my FEELINGS more than I am able to express in words.....

what I cannot express in words for thee to hear, I may by my "CRY" signify to thine understanding



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And when thou hast understood me, then, O Lord, Hearken unto the voice of my prayer....



in the same way as they are in us;

but that our feelings towards God are to be thus varied....

We are first to desire to be heard, and then,

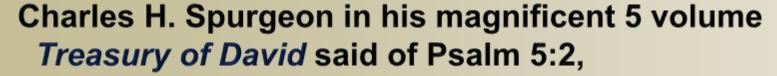
that our prayers which are heard may be understood; and

then, that being understood,

they may be hearkened unto



- 1 Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.
- 2 Hear my CRY for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.
- 3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.



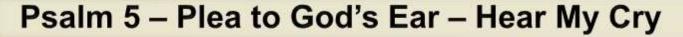
CRY — Weeping has a voice — a melting, plaintive tone,

An ear-piercing shrillness, which reaches the very heart of God;

CRYING hath a voice — a soul-moving eloquence Coming from our heart it reaches God's heart.



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All GOOD Hearts break before injustices most especially if WE are the victims

How many seas must a white dove sail Before she sleeps in the sand?

Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs fly Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

Dylan pleads with questions he cannot answer Dylan pleads with words that confound







2 Hear my CRY for help,

Charles H. Spurgeon in his magnificent 5 volume Treasury of David said of Psalm 5:2,

Ah! my brothers & sisters, sometimes we cannot put our prayers into words: they are nothing but a CRY



To a loving father his children's cries are music, and child's tears have a magic influence which his heart cannot resist.

CRY—what a privilege? ... CRY—what a love? ... CRY—what music?

5:2 "CRY" is the only time this word is used in O.T.

We know it is "CRY" from root used in other forms in O.T.



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CRY—How the Heart Hurts? ... CRY—Grief? ... CRY—Pain?

CRY—Longing, Pleading, Begging?

"CRY" root here appears in about 12 forms about 30x in the O.T.

2 Sam 22:7 out of his temple, and my CRY entered into his ears

Psalm 39:12 give ear unto my CRY; hold not thy peace

Psalm 102:1 O LORD! And let my CRY for help come

Exodus 2:23 Israelites groaned in their slavery & CRIED out, and their CRY for help because of their slavery went up to God.

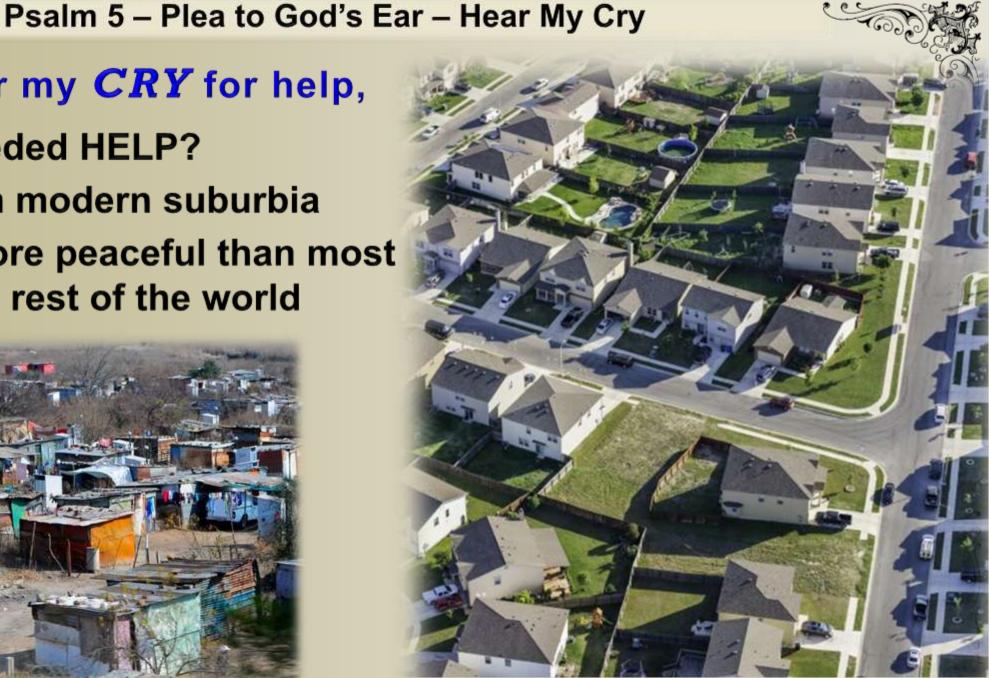
Psalm 145:19 He will also hear their CRY & will save



2 Hear my CRY for help,

Ever needed HELP? Today, in modern suburbia Life's more peaceful than most of the rest of the world





2 Hear my CRY for help,

While this CRY can be about any Trouble, Crime, Pain that is serious enough to force a teardrop

Psalm 5 is about the HEART looking for GOD to help David in Clear and Present Danger from *ENEMIES*

In modern American suburbia, few have *ENEMIES* compared to David in 1000 B.C.

Unless you're in politics or are a Mob Witness

ALL the above makes Psalm 5 HARDER

Hickory Hard ... maybe the HARDEST of ALL

of ALL of the Psalms in the Enchanted Forest

WHY the HARDEST? Because FEW of us have PRAYED like this

Who HERE has prayed this HARD with deep CRY to God?

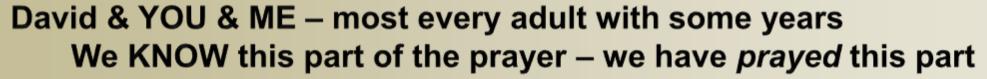




Psalm 5:4-6 – Plea to God's Character vs Enemies

- 4 For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome.
- 5 The arrogant cannot stand in your presence. You hate all who do wrong;
- 6 you destroy those who tell lies.

 The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, LORD, detest.



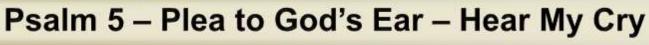
C. H. Spurgeon notices Six Steps: 1st, he has no pleasure in them;

2nd, they shall not dwell with him;

3rd, he casteth them forth, they shall not stand in his sight; 4th, his heart turns ... hatest all the workers of iniquity; 5th, his hand is turned upon them ... destroy them ... 6th, his spirit rises against them ... abhor the bloody man.



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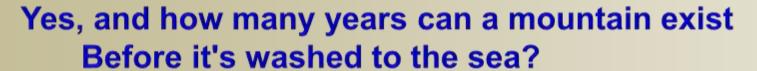


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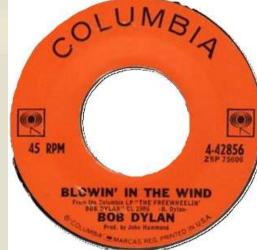
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Again we see David appealing to God
KNOWING God does not like EVIL People
Yet can David REACH God with mere reason?
It's like David is stating the OBVIOUS ... so very obvious



HOW long Dear God ... until the WICKED are destroyed?

HOW long Dear God ... until JUSTICE rolls down that mountain?





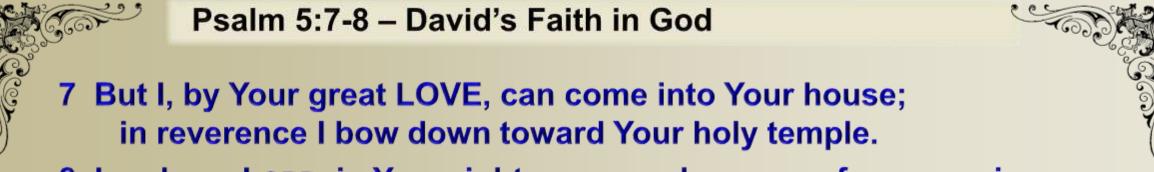




8 Lead me, LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies make Your way straight before me.

There is a deliverance ... an escape ... a refuge ... There is a SAFE HOUSE ... a SECURE FORTRESS We see God DELIVERING all throughout the BIBLE Yet at times it is hard to believe God will

Deliver WE







Psalm 5:9-10 - Plea for God's Judgment on EVIL

9 Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with malice.

Their throat is an open grave; with their tongues they tell lies.

10 Declare them guilty, O God!

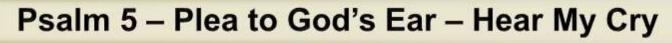
Let their intrigues be their downfall.

Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.

In David's CRY for help, David begs God for judgment
In a way, David's DELIVERANCE will come when
God takes out the TRASH ... Removes the Wicked
Extinguishes the LIARS ...
Terminates the Untrustworthy







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Can you hear David's plaintive LONGING? Can you hear David's CRY for Relief, Refuge, Rescue?

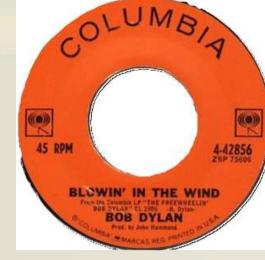
Yes, and how many years can some people exist Before they're allowed to be free?

Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head And pretend that he just doesn't see?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

HOW LONG? ... HOW LONG? ... Is the answer MY FRIEND

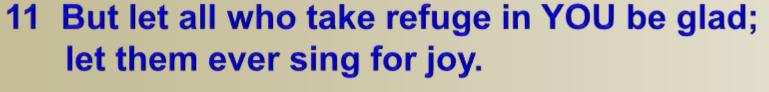
Just Blowin' in the WIND?







Psalm 5:11-12 - Plea for God's Shield



Spread YOUR protection over them, that those who LOVE YOUR NAME may rejoice in You.

12 Surely, LORD, YOU bless the righteous; you surround them with YOUR favor as with a SHIELD.

We come to the end of little Psalm 5 ... and we end in

Joy & Rejoice



Psalm 5:11-12 - Plea for God's Shield

11 But let all who take refuge in YOU be GLAD; let them ever SING for JOY.

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Over all the land of Egypt there was darkness which might be felt, even thick darkness, for three days:

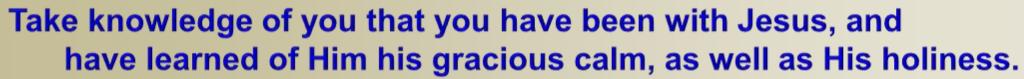
"They saw not one another, neither rose any ... for three days:
but all the children of Israel had LIGHT in their dwellings."
If it be so with you, that the Lord has given you the LIGHT of joy,
let your FACES SHINE with it.

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"Rejoice in the Lord always." Your Lord desires that your JOY be full.

He gives you a JOY which no man taketh from you: it is His legacy. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:

not as the world giveth, give I unto you."



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There is a LIGHT ... we need to see the LIGHT JUSTICE is coming ... WE MUST LOOK

Yes, and how many times must a man look up Before he can see the sky?

Yes, and how many ears must one man have Before he can hear people cry?

Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til he knows That too many people have died?

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Oh, we have but one life to live ...

Let's Trust God to be our Shield

