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Psalm 5

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Vs. 1-3 show that exultation of God should begin each day;
Vs. 4-6 show that God will excuse none of the unrighteous deeds of sinners;
Vs. 7 shows that God’s people will distinguish themselves from sinners by worship;
Vs. 8-10 show the rejection of the world’s ways God’s faithful must have;
Vs. 11-12 show the reward for the faithful who serve God.

“Meditation,” “voice,” “prayer,” and “looking up” are characteristics of God’s faithful. The first concerns the thoughtfulness that should begin each day to consider how one is going to serve God; the second is the devotion of one’s throat to utter such purpose with conversation; the third is the opening up of the heart before God with sincerity of that purpose; and the fourth demonstrates the source of one’s guiding light. Every day should be God-centered or else it will be useless.

The false notion that “God so loved the world” that He cannot reject sinners is discarded in Psalm 5:5, for God hates “all workers of iniquity.” Anyone, while in the practice of sin, is outside the reach of God, for evil does not dwell with God (Psalm 5:4). Therefore, Isaiah 59:1-2 states the case: “Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.” Note that it is “your sins” and NOT Adam’s! Isaiah 59:3-8 then enumerate some of the sins that those practicing them have placed themselves outside God’s love limits. Get used to the expression “workers of iniquity” for it occurs some 15 times throughout the Psalms. AND Jesus rejects all such from entering His kingdom now (Luke 13:23-27).

The “holy temple” in the New Testament is the church of Christ, for Jesus is the head of it (Ephesians 1:22-23), and its people are built to be the “holy temple” (Ephesians 2:19-22).

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***All Scriptures and comments, unless otherwise noted, are based on the New King James Version.***