

## Coming Before Your Lord – Psalm 5

September 24, 2017

Oakbrook Community Church

Psalm 5

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Prayer 1: When you are under attack, take refuge in the Lord as your righteous defender. 1-7

1. When under attack, take refuge in the Lord through prayer
  - A. Pray honestly
  - B. Pray personally
  - C. Pray persistently
  - D. Pray systematically
  - E. Pray expectantly
2. When under attack, appeal to God as the Righteous Judge
  - A. God is holy - separate from evil, He will judge evildoers
  - B. Know the God who is!
3. When under attack, come to God by His Grace
  - A. Know God's tremendous and abundant mercy!
  - B. Worship God because of His great mercy for you!

Prayer 2: When you are under attack, take refuge in the Lord as your righteous defender. 8-12

1. When under attack, pray for the Lord to keep you in His righteous path
2. When under attack, remember God is the righteous Judge
3. When under attack, take joyful refuge in the Lord as your righteous defender.

Discuss:

- We've approached this Psalm as two prayers with very similar outlines. In v3 the Psalmist writes "*in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.*" How should, how do you 'prepare' or 'arrange' your prayers?
- Some allow attacks of others to drive them away from the Lord while for others it causes them to run to the Lord. What makes the difference?
- Sometimes it is hard to consider that God will judge the unrighteous. Read Rev. 18:20. What should be our attitude? How should the Gospel relate?
- Should we tell arrogant, unrepentant sinners that God loves them? Defend.
- Consider these prayers. How can we know when it is right to defend ourselves before attackers or simply ignore them?

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