

## INTRODUCTION

**SS:** David redirects lamenting hearts to become lauding hearts through five-mile markers in Psalm 5.

**BI:** Follow divine direction and allow Your lament to lead to laud!

**I. David's Plea Is Directed To God.** (VV. 1–3)

**II. David's Proclamation Of God's Character Is Firm.** (VV. 4–6)

**III. David Rehearses His Position Before The LORD.** (VV. 7–8)

**IV. David's Pronouncement Upon God's Enemies Is Just.** (VV. 9–10)

**V. David Relishes Protection By Yahweh.** (VV. 11–12)

**VI. Examination Of Our Practice When Unjustly Slandered.**

✚ The Apostle Peter warned those suffering to, “Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler.”  
(1Peter 4:15)

When suffering, do you pause and honestly evaluate if you are under attack for the sake of Christ's name or if are you suffering for your own misdeeds?

✚ Do you turn to God consistently, prioritizing and ordering your prayer when you suffer or is this one of the last things you resort to? What are things you are tempted to do instead of praying? Did anyone “order or arrange” their prayer this week and write it out on D5Q6, “Write out and pray a response using the truths of the psalm.”

✚ Are you growing in understanding and embracing *all* of God's character or do you “practically” slander Him by a distorted view of His holiness?

For example, do you **LOOK FAVORABLY** on Exodus 34:6–7a, “Then the LORD passed in front of him (Moses) and exclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in

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lovingkindness and truth; Who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin;” and do you **FROWN** at Exodus 34:7b “... yet He will by no means leave the *guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation.’?”

- ✚ When you share the gospel, do you share the bad news of sin before the good news? Are you “practically” seeker friendly in your approach? Why or why not?
- ✚ Do you rehearse truth to yourself when slandered or mocked by the ungodly or do you rehearse “their” lies in your mind? I read somewhere that we are not to say more about ourselves than God does but we are certainly not to say less about ourselves than He does. Your position before the LORD is amazing!
- ✚ Are you humbled by and thankful for the grace of God manifested in your life or are self-righteous and forgetful of your condition BC?
- ✚ Do your actions reflect that you fear God above your enemies?
- ✚ Are you consistently recalibrating your moral compass (i.e. objective moral good and evil) by God’s written word?
- ✚ Does your lament when slandered lead you to laud? Joseph is an example as he says, “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...”. (Genesis: 50:20)