



# THE MESSENGER

## DECEMBER 18, 2022

### NEWS AND NOTES

#### **Congregational Meeting**

January 8

#### **Our Next Gospel Meeting**

Next year

#### **Weekly Bible Studies**

Thursday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 on Zoom

#### **Times of Service**

##### **Sunday**

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

##### **Wednesday**

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

#### **First Friday of Month**

##### **Singing**

January 6, 7:30

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### THE WAY TO START A DAY

Something was troubling David in Psalm 5. He asked God to consider his “groaning” in verse 1. The specific issue is not mentioned though it probably has something to do with folks telling lies about him for some nefarious purpose. (9)

Let’s consider verse 3. “O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.” David’s day began with prayer, praise, and reflection. The psalms indicate that this was a habit of his.

As David met the new day he thought about the character of God. In verses 4-6, David said “You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.” This reflection doubtless caused David to consider his own conduct in the day about to begin. David knew wickedness. He had been subjected to it and engaged in it. Would he engage in it this day? Would he be boastful, dishonest, bloodthirsty, or deceitful? Reminding himself how God feels about such things would certainly help to avoid them.

In fact, David’s continued reflection led him to make a wonderful determination about his own conduct as well as appreciation for God’s gracious love. Consider verses 7 and 8. “But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down before your holy temple in the fear of you. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.” This day was to be given over to worship, reverence, righteousness, and gratitude. It was a determination made first thing in the morning. David’s

**Members Needing Our Prayers**

Marcus Lake, Mary Weatherholt, Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

**Others Needing Prayer**

Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Dalton Denny, Charles Bishop, Brian Mason, The Byers family, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

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thoughts were immediately focused and centered upon God. His behavior would reflect it.

I am struck by his request that the Lord lead him in God’s own righteousness “because of my enemies.” God’s people never lack for those seeking to lead them down paths contrary to those set by God Himself. It was as true for David as it is for us. Recognizing that he would almost certainly hear and see ungodliness in some form or fashion during the day, he asked God to help him prepare for it before having to face it. That’s a wise request and worth emulating.

What does your morning routine look like? We’ve all got one. I’m trying to make mine look a little more like David’s. It’s hard to conceive of a better start to the day than first praying, praising, and reflecting. It doesn’t take long and benefits the whole day. I have found that it is far easier for me to stay properly focused when I work on it first thing in the morning. I am very grateful for David’s example and encourage us all to start our days in the same way. Adam Litmer

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