

Daniel Perrin – L8: In the Psalms–Part 1 – Wednesday, May 21: Psalm 5

1. The lesson directs us to Psalm 5 as just one example of a parallel with Revelation 14
 - a. Psalm 5 is a confident prayer TO God to RESCUE The righteous ... AND destroy the wicked
 - b. Revelation 14 is an answer to that prayer — the description of the 144,000 and the sending forth of the harvest message is the response of the human longing for what is wrong to be set right.
2. The lesson highlights a number of clear connections with this Psalm and Revelation 14
3. Revelation 14, Three Angels' Messages
 - a. Final warnings to the world, intended to draw people TO Christ AWAY from the world
 - b. The 144,000 are part of sharing that message with the world.
4. Who are these people? — Here are 2 Defining Features (seen in Psalm 5)
 - a. They have the Father's name written on their foreheads (Rev. 14 Verse 1)
 - God's character is on their mind
 - Their thoughts revolve around Him — ALWAYS on their mind
 - b. AND they Follow the *Lamb* wherever He goes (Verse 4)
 - Their *thoughts* are toward the Father
 - Their *life* is lived toward the Lamb (Jesus)
 - Jesus said, "I and the Father are One"
 - c. They are "Locked In" — attention in MIND and BODY
 - This is a *picture* of what it looks like to be Sealed: Their thoughts are of God and their life reflects it.
5. How does **Psalm 5** connect with the 144,000 who have the Father's Name and Follow the Lamb?
 - a. Listen to these **first 3 verses**: *Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. ² Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. ³ My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.*
 - This is a PRAYER PSALM
6. V.1 Meditation
 - a. This Hebrew word only occurs twice in the Bible — it is musing / sighing / groaning
 - b. It is a picture of deep longing
7. V.2 My Cry
 - a. A cry is heartfelt — uncontainable overflow
8. V.2 David addressed THE LORD (Jehovah) ... but he goes further
 - a. The Lord is KING and GOD
 - But David says MY King and MY God
 - Not just a theological concept
 - b. David, A KING, acknowledges the High King
 - Sometimes we try to be king — tell God what to do
 - David is content to just be in the King's presence
9. V.2 Unto YOU I will pray
 - a. Others may live without prayer (or so they think) — but NOT the 144,000
 - b. Talk STRAIGHT TO God
 - NOT through an intermediate
 - c. You can identify them by their definite and conscious focusing ON God rather than self

10. V.3 My voice You shall hear IN THE MORNING, O LORD

- a. Regularly — Morning BY Morning
 - **Mark 1:35** — “Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.”
- b. Psalm 5 is the partner of **Psalm 4** which is an evening prayer
 - **Psalm 4:8** — “I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.”

11. In the morning, I will direct it to you

- a. Not the idea of “aiming”
 - The word is used for arranging the wood on the altar / the pieces of the sacrifice / the shewbread
 - **Leviticus 1:12** — “And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar”
 - Nothing haphazard about our prayer life.
- b. Not thoughtless rambling
 - Just because it’s early in the morning is no excuse for incoherent mumbling before God
 - Saying lazy things like, “you know my thoughts”
 - Hoping that excuses us from having to actually voice them
 - Of course God knows your thoughts.
 - The trouble is that WE don’t know our own thoughts
 - In prayer, God gives us opportunity to allow HIM to reveal what is in us
- c. We must open every thought to God
 - But there is too much “random” praying — spinning the wheel and landing on a topic
 - Rather than intentionally petitioning God with praise

12. And I will look up.

- a. This is the epitome of the Father’s Name on the forehead and following the Lamb
 - What comes to my mind is a young child looking at a parent
- b. FIRST, we reveal our FULL self in private to the prayer-hearing God — hold nothing back — TRUSTING
 - THEN, our attention is riveted on Him to hear whatever He says
 - If He should say anything at all
 - Not growing weary of His presence in that morning hour
- c. Every prayer is answered
 - But do we patiently wait for the return from our prayers — God’s silence is an answer
 - The unexpected experience in life took place with God’s permission ... even though we prayed
 - God isn’t confused as to what is going on
- d. We are too impatient with God.
 - We are NOT content to follow the Lamb WHITHERSOEVER HE GOETH