

## Psalms: From the Heart, Part V 10.5.2025

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Psalm 5 To the choirmaster: for the flutes. A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. <sup>2</sup> Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. <sup>3</sup> O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. <sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. <sup>5</sup> The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. <sup>6</sup> You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. <sup>7</sup> But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. <sup>8</sup> Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. <sup>9</sup> For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. <sup>10</sup> Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you. <sup>11</sup> But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. <sup>12</sup> For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

“You must love the holiness of God more than your own sin. You cannot love God’s holiness if you don’t hate your own sin.” ~ Pastor Phil

How do you find refuge in Him?

### 1. Peace in Forgiveness of Sin: *Ephesians 1:7*

- God doesn’t just cover sin. He erases the debt. Grace means our record is clean. **Application:** Stop dragging yesterday’s guilt into your today. If He forgave you, rest freely in His joy.

### 2. Peace in His Presence: Exodus 33:14...“My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

- Peace isn’t the absence of trouble—it’s the presence of God in the midst of our problems. **Application:** Don’t ask God to stop the storm, invite His presence into your stress.

### 3. Peace Through Justification: Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- To be justified means being declared righteous. **Application:** Stop trying to *earn* peace with God. Receive it. Jesus *paid* your debt.

### 4. Peace Through Prayer: Philippians 4:6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

- Worry is faithlessness in action, but prayer hands it to God and ushers in peace. **Application:** Replace “panic time” with “prayer time.”

### 5. Peace in Bearing Our Burdens: *Psalm 55:22*

- God shoulders what we can’t. **Application:** If you’re exhausted, maybe you’ve been carrying what He already said He’d carry.

## 6. Peace Through the Spirit: *Romans 8:6*

- The Spirit reorders our minds toward life and peace. **Application:** Like tuning a radio—He clears the static, so we hear His voice. If your spirit is restless, maybe you're on the wrong frequency.

## 7. Peace That Guards Our Heart. **Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

- His peace doesn't just soothe—it stands watch like a soldier at the gate. **Application:** Imagine an armed guard keeping intruders from your home. When anxiety knocks, let the Peacekeeper answer the door.

## 8. Peace Through His Word: *Psalms 119:105*

- Love for His Word roots us so deeply we don't trip over offenses. **Application:** A lighthouse warns ships in raging seas. If your peace is shaky, take in Scripture. It's a lamp to your feet.

## 9. Peace in Loving Discipline: *Hebrews 12:6*

- Discipline is grace in action. **Application:** A gardener prunes the branches so the tree bears fruit. Don't despise correction. It's *shaping* you, not *breaking* you.

## 10. Peace Through Reconciliation: *2 Corinthians 5:18*

- Sin made us enemies of God, but grace reconciled us to Him. **Application:** If God is reconciled with us, how can we hold grudges against others?

## 11. Peace in Our Weakness: *2 Corinthians 12:9*

- His grace fills the cracks where we're weak. **Application:** Stop hiding your weakness; let it be a platform for His strength, like young David defeating mighty Goliath with a sling and stones.

## 12. Peace in eternity: *2 Thessalonians 3:16*

- Peace is not just for today, but a forever gift secured by Christ. **Application:** The joy of your salvation can be real because you know your destination. Live with eternity in mind, which is like using a compass. Instead of letting the temporary (comfort, applause, money, and even pain) set your direction, weigh choices against eternity (True North) and what won't rust, fade, or die. **Perspective:** You measure time by forever, not simply by the calendar. **Priorities:** What lasts takes precedence over what passes. Relationships over possessions, character over convenience, obedience over popularity. **Posture:** You carry lightly the world's trinkets because you know they're borrowed. You hold on loosely to what can't enter Heaven and hold tightly to your faith. **Purpose:** Treat all interactions as seed-planting, knowing that they echo beyond that moment. It doesn't mean ignoring the present but inhabiting the present *fully* with the horizon of forever in view.

How do I hate my sin and love God's holiness? Imitation vs. Intimacy: The True Power of Knowing Jesus. **Acts 19:11–20.**

#### **I. The Difference Between Borrowed Power and Birthed Power:**

**God's power is never for show.** Paul's miracles weren't human performances. God's holiness doesn't cooperate with your sin.

#### **II. The Test of Authentic Authority:**

**Demons recognize true authority.** Spiritual darkness knows when faith is real. They said, "*Jesus I know... but who are you?*" Imitation echoes words; intimacy carries presence.

**Religious proximity is not relationship.** Being a priest's son didn't make them sons of God. Heritage may introduce you to the temple but only surrender introduces you to the King.

#### **III. The Exposure of Pretended Power:**

**God exposes hypocrisy for the sake of truth.** He allows embarrassment to become enlightenment. Imitation gets stripped; intimacy gets strengthened.

**Sin makes us spiritually powerless.** When the vessel is unclean, even the right words fall flat.

#### **IV. The Fruit of Holy Fear and Genuine Repentance:**

**The fear of God restores rightful reverence.** The people saw, trembled, and honored the name of Jesus. Intimacy begins when fear of the Lord returns.

**True repentance destroys what once defined us.** They burned their magic books. Intimacy with Christ requires cutting ties with every counterfeit comfort.

**God's holiness cannot be shared with idolatry.** Imitation adds Jesus to the shelf; intimacy bows before Him alone.

#### **V. The Overflow of Intimacy:**

**Holiness magnifies the gospel.** When sin is renounced, the Word "increases and prevails." Imitation drains influence; intimacy multiplies it.

**God's kingdom advances through humility, not spectacle.** Paul healed quietly; the sons shouted loudly. God moves through hidden hearts, not headlines.

**Sin promises control but ends in exposure.** The sons of Sceva ran out naked — a picture of every pretender stripped of pretense. Intimacy clothes us with righteousness; imitation leaves us uncovered.

**Closing Challenge:** The seven sons of Sceva *used* His name; Paul *knew* His name. One imitated authority — the other *abided* in it. True power doesn't come from *saying* "Jesus." It comes from *knowing and being known by* Jesus. Weigh your choices against True North (what won't rust, fade, or die).

**James 4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**