

PSALM 4

To the chief Musician on Neginoth,
A Psalm of David.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.

3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

6. *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in

peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth,
A Psalm of David.

GIVE ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

7. But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my

face.

9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

PSALM 6

To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

OLORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8. Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

OLORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that

without cause is mine enemy:)

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.

8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10. My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

PSALM 8

To the chief Musician upon Gittith,
A Psalm of David.

OLORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a lit-

tle lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

To the chief Musician upon Muthlabben,
A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions

are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11. Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down

in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that

forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalm 4 is an evening prayer. David is retiring to sleep in the bosom of God. He is confident that the Lord will hear when he calls upon Him (verse 3); he stresses the fact that we should put our trust in the Lord (verse 5); he thanks the Lord for the gladness that is in his heart (verse 7); and for the peace of mind that comes from knowing God (verse 8).

Psalm 5 is an evening prayer. David is beset by treacherous enemies and prays and shouts for joy in the confidence that God will protect him. David must have had many enemies, for he refers to them over and over again. Many of the most magnificent Psalms were born of David's troubles.

Psalm 6 is the first of the Penitential Psalms and is the cry of a broken heart. This Psalm was perhaps occasioned by David's sin with Bathsheba and records a time of sickness, bitter grief, tears, humiliation, shame, and reproach by David's enemies.

Psalm 7 is another prayer for protection, as David is in grave danger. In verse 3 David avows his own righteousness. Cush, the Benjamite, could have been one of Saul's officers in pursuit of David.

When a Psalm is quoted in the New Testament and applied to Christ, it is known as a Messianic Psalm. Psalm 8 is applied to Christ in several places in the New Testament (Matthew 21:16; Hebrews 2:6-9; I Corinthians 15:27; and Ephesians 1:22). As Son of man, Christ appears in humiliation, a little lower than the angels, to taste death for every man, and is now crowned with glory and honor (verses 1-5). Man was given dominion over creation, which was lost by sin, and which is to be restored only by the second Adam (Christ), verses 6-9.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised" (Proverbs 12:8).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 19: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

WILLIAM P. SMITH

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1292

ROGER BACON DIED AT OXFORD, ENGLAND.

Roger Bacon was a faithful scholar and doctor. It is said that he became one of the most eminent men and scholars in medieval times. He was a defender of the Scriptures. Some have said that he was imprisoned in a monastery for ten years. To say the least, he was an intellectual giant who defended the Word of God. Let us defend the Word of God.

Why not begin now to hold up the Bible to your children and tell them, "This is the Word of God," and have them repeat it! This IS the Word of God!

1912

DAVID C. COOK WAS BORN IN ELGIN, ILLINOIS.

Mr. Cook is president of the David C. Cook Publishing Company, a Sunday school materials publisher.

Pray for God to keep all of our Sunday school materials faithful to His Word. Pray for our pastors

and churches to have the courage to leave out literature that is not faithful to the Word of God. Thank God for good literature that is faithful to the Word of God. Thank God for literature faithful to the Bible such as has been published by the David C. Cook Publishing Company.

1860

CHARLES E. HURLBURT WAS BORN IN DUBUQUE, IOWA.

He was general director of the African Inland Mission from 1901 to 1926. He pioneered the work in East Africa and the Congo. Hundreds of missionaries now serve through this board. Pray for mission boards that shall be faithful to the Word of God. Again, may our attention be drawn to faithful missionaries. Pray for some by name today.

1914

JAMES T. JEREMIAH WAS BORN.

He has been a great leader in the General Association of Regular Baptists and has served as a college president and faithful preacher of the Word of God.

1900

STANLEY SEBASTON KRESGE WAS BORN IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

He was a great Christian layman active in the Christian Businessmen's Committee, Youth for Christ, etc. From his family came the huge S.S. Kresge dime store chain across the country, and eventually the Kmart department stores. Pray for Christian laymen. How we need strong men to stand beside the pastors and to bear witness and testimony concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1963

PRESIDENT KENNEDY TOLD NATION IN RADIO-TV ADDRESS THAT SEGREGATION WAS MORALLY WRONG AND THAT IT WAS "TIME TO ACT IN THE CONGRESS, IN YOUR STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATURE BODY, AND...IN ALL OF OUR DAILY LIVES."

1967

RACE RIOT, TAMPA, FLORIDA.

National Guard mobilized.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I MAY LOSE MY FRIENDS AND COMPANIONS"

(Assignment 19)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

() Proverbs 13:20 (Rev. 20:15)

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

() James 4:4 (Gal. 6:8–Isa. 13:11)

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

() Psalms 1:1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

() Psalms 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

() 1 John 1:3

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.