

Psalm 4 – Fully Resting in Faith

Verse 1 – *“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.”*

...Instead of *“Hear me when I call, ...”* ...

The Hebrew word order is: *“When I cry out, Hear me”*

Oh God – Elohim ... *of my Righteousness* ... This is an emphasis on the fact that the Righteousness that is David’s (or ours) is *ALL HIS – NOT OURS*. Jesus Christ is the source of our Righteousness.

Even if we could reach perfection (and we can’t), we could never maintain it!

Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. Something was not right in David’s life at this point.

Verse 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.”*

“...O you sons of men, how long will you turn my glory into shame?...” – Some feel this is a switch to God speaking to David, but I see it as David speaking to the Lord as the people not having the proper honor for the king, feeling he had too many human frailties, challenging him constantly, especially about Absalom, whom he loved and defended.

“how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.”

Vanity – the reference to something being empty, like *nothing*. *“...after leasing”* is a reference to seeking after lies.

Verse 3 – *“But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself: The Lord will hear when I call unto Him.”*

God has set us apart for Him, not for us, for HIM! What God has done from his Grace is something He did for himself.

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When David calls out, he has the assurance that the Lord *hears* him! God's Grace is sufficient for all the trials in life.

Verse 4 – *“Stand in awe, and sin not: Commune with your own heart on your bed, and be still. Selah.”*

We should stand in awe of *what HE provides for us*. Communing in our own heart means we must be willing to hear what God has for us... we are to be still and listen to *HIM*.

Verse 5 – *“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.”*

The real sacrifice was That of David's greater son, the one provided for us. We can do nothing to earn the Grace that abounds from that sacrifice, that makes us a member of the family of God.

Verse 6 – *“There be many that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.”*

When you come to know the Lord, you come to realize there is so *much* good to be found. The Lord will show us good. When God looks upon man, we can see His face. We can see His goodness and Grace. “*Lord*” here is Yahweh – a reference to Christ.

Verse 7 – *“You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their grain and their wine increased.”*

Verse 8 – *“I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: For only You, Lord, makes me dwell in safety [Shalom].”*

The security we have comes only from the Lord – not from us, our guns, our alarm systems, etc. We need to realize that it is all in our Lord's hands.

The richest part of our Christian experience is when we let Him to speak to us. We need to want and ask Him that His will be done.