

Today's Topic: A God Who Listens

Psalm 4:1-8

Sunday, November 6, 2022

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"Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer" Psalm 4:1 (NIV, 2011)

"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8 (NIV, 2011)

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"How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods? Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him." Psalm 4:2-3 (NIV, 2011)

"Many, LORD, are asking, 'Who will bring us prosperity?' Let the light of your face shine on us. Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound."

Psalm 4:6-7 (NIV, 2011)

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"Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent. Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD."

Psalm 4:4-5 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:

Take time each day this week to praise God, even if we don't feel like it.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How would you define the word, "praise"?
- 2. Read Psalm 4:1. What sort of circumstances is David describing? Have you ever found yourself in similar circumstances? If so, share one of those experiences with the group.
- 3. Read Psalm 4:8. What is David's state of mind at the end of the Psalm? How different is this from his perspective at the beginning of the Psalm?
- 4. Read Psalm 4:2-3. Why does David challenge his enemies' understanding of God?
- 5. Read Psalm 4:6-7. How does David explain the fact that God does not seem to prosper those who are faithful?
- 6. Read Psalm 4:4-5. How is David able to control his emotions and find peace in the middle of his difficult circumstances?
- 7. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?