

PSALM 5

A Prayer for Guidance

To the Chief Musician. With Flutes. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ 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.
- ⁴ For You *are* not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,
Nor shall evil dwell with You.
- ⁵ The boastful shall not stand in Your sight;
You hate all workers of iniquity.
- ⁶ You shall destroy those who speak falsehood;
The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- ⁷ But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.
- ⁸ Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
Make Your way straight before my face.
- ⁹ For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inward part *is* destruction;
Their throat *is* an open tomb;
They flatter with their tongue.
- ¹⁰ Pronounce them guilty, O God!
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions,
For they have rebelled against You.
- ¹¹ But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;
Let those also who love Your name
Be joyful in You.
- ¹² For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;
With favor You will surround him as *with* a shield.