

Prayers of a Refugee King

Psalms 3 & 5

Introduction:

Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower;
Raise Thou me heavenward, Power of my power.¹

In Psalms 3 and 5, God is sought as a Divine Warrior and a Holy King.

In Psalm 3 David orders his prayer in four movements that lead you to _____ in the Divine Warrior.

I. A Personal Prayer to a Divine Warrior (Ps 3)

A. _____ (1-2)

B. _____ (3-4)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C. _____ (5-6)

¹ Eleanor Hull, "A Prayer" in *The Poem-Book of the Gael* (1913; repr., AlbaCraft Publishing, 2012).

D. _____ (7–8)

In Psalm 5 there are five principles that model for you an _____
prayer to a Holy King.

II. A Public Prayer to a Holy King (Ps 5)

A. _____ (1–3)

B. _____ (4–6)

C. _____ (7–8)

D. _____ (9–10)

E. _____ (11–12)

Questions:

(1) When you come to God in prayer, are you able to balance your current mood with a sense of the _____ and _____ of God?
(See Ps 5:1–3; cf. Isa 37:14–20)

(2) Do you take _____ opposition to you as a Christian, or are you able to look at it _____ as against God rather than yourself?
(See Ps 5:4–7, 9–10; cf. 1 Sam 8:7)²

² Eric Lane, *Psalms 1-89: The Lord Saves* (Scotland: Christian Focus Publications, 2006), 44.