

Prayers of a Refugee King

Psalms 3 & 5

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

- I. A Personal Prayer to a Divine Warrior (Ps 3)
 - A. A Rumor (1–2)
 - B. A Review of the Truth (3–4)
 1. A Shield about Me
 2. My Glory
 3. Lifts My Head
 - C. A Rest in the Truth (5–6)
 - D. A Request (7–8)

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

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

- A. Cry for God's Help (1–3)
- B. Fasten to God's Holiness (4–6)
- C. Stand in God's Mercy (7–8)
- D. Desire God's Honor (9–10)
- E. Exult in God's Favor (11–12)

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Rom 8 – ²⁶ the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words...

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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Questions:

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

(2) Do you take personally opposition to you as a Christian, or are you able to look at it objectively as against God rather than yourself? (See vv. 4–6, 9–10, cf. 1 Sam. 8:7.)