

10. What does the phrase, *make me dwell in safety*, mean (Psalm 4:8)?

**Reflection Questions:** How do I respond in times that God seems far and not listening to me? What do I do when I find myself hemmed in and nowhere to go? Do I find more pleasure in the things of God than in the physical pleasures of this world? What will I do to find more pleasure in God?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

#### Quotes to Ponder

*Prayer is a form of communication in which the child of God casts himself on the mercy of God.*  
Tremper Longman III

*God in His grace gives us what we don't deserve, and God in His mercy doesn't give us what we do deserve.*  
Warren Wiersbe

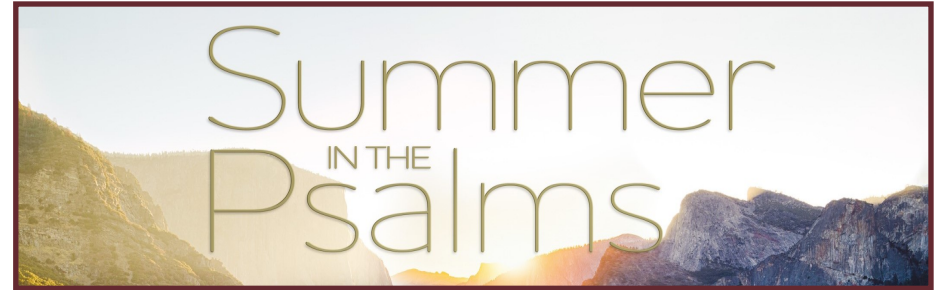
*This (Psalm 4) is another instance of David's common habit of pleading past mercies as a ground for present favor.*

*Christ in the heart is better than corn in the barn or wine in the vat.*  
Charles Spurgeon

*Jesus is encouraging a kind of holy boldness, a sharp knocking on the door, an insistent asking, a search that refuses to give up. That's what our prayer should be like. This isn't just a routine or formal praying, going through the motions as a daily or weekly task. There is a battle going on, a fight with the powers of darkness, and those who have glimpsed the light are called to struggle in prayer.*  
N.T. Wright

*A truth to believe always leads to a path to obey.*

*The way to know if your heart is with the Lord in the midst of the conflict that you're facing is demonstrated by how you seek God in prayer through the conflict that you go through.*  
Nathaniel Wall



Psalm 4

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

June 26, 2022

1. The Cries of Anguish (1-2)

2. The Conduct of the Godly (3-6)

3. The Comfort of the Lord (7-8)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-  
victed you? Challenged you? Con-  
fused you? Comforted you?

2. What does David do in *Psalms 4*? What does God do?

3. In *Psalms 4:1*, David prays, *Answer me... hear my prayer*. According to the following verses, what are some reasons God may not answer our prayers?

*Psalms 17:1* —

*John 15:7* —

*Proverbs 28:9* —

*James 5:16* —

*Matthew 6:7* —

*1 Peter 3:7* —

*Matthew 17:20* —

4. In *Psalms 4:1*, what is God called? What does this mean (cf. *Jeremiah 23:6*)?

5. What is God called in these verses and what do they mean?

*Psalms 27:9* —

*Psalms 59:17* —

*Psalms 42:8* —

*Psalms 109:1* —

6. Read *Psalms 18:19, 36*. Who wrote this? What was the setting? What was the result? How might this tie in with *Psalms 4:1*?

7. What is the significance of the fact that David is warning his enemies rather than threatening them (*Psalms 4:2*)?

8. What seven commands do you find in *Psalms 4:3-5*? What does each look like in your life?

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9. *Psalms 4:7-8* refers to *gladness* (joy) and *peace*. What do the following verses say about joy and/or peace?

*Isaiah 9:3* —

*Romans 15:13* —

*John 16:24, 33* —

*Galatians 5:22* —

*Romans 5:1* —

*Colossians 3:15* —

*Romans 8:6* —

*2 Thessalonians 3:16* —