

# sermon notes

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Psalm 5

## *How do we respond to a world full of evil?*

1) We expect God to \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 5:1-3)

2) We trust in God’s \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 5:4-8)

3) We know that evil \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 5:9-10)

4) We rest in God’s \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 5:11-12)

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

What is a “lament” psalm? Why are they so relatable to modern Christians? What is the overarching message of the lament passages in the Bible? (Consider the message and theme of Jeremiah’s work, Lamentations.) Why does David (and the other psalmists) choose to focus on God’s majesty and character over dwelling on their problems, even problems that were life and death?

### GET PERSONAL

What is your prayer life like? Do you feel as if God doesn’t respond to your requests? How often, would you say, do you notice God responding to your specific petitions? What does it mean to “watch” for God’s answer to the latest request you’ve made to him? Has he been teaching you something about his character during a waiting period?

Have you put your trust in God’s righteousness, or are you trusting in your own? Do you rely on your own wits or strength to win God’s approval? Do you depend on your right choices to secure God’s favor and love? What would it look like for you to stop trying to earn God’s kindness through your works and trust that he provides righteousness through his steadfast love?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Has the daily news cycle been weighing you down? Do you feel overwhelmed or even angry at the thought of evil people wreaking havoc in our world? What does it mean that God will punish every act of evil? How should you respond to news of evildoing, in light of the judgment that will come on every sinner?

Do you realize your sins will face the same punishment? Have you put your trust in Jesus Christ, who took your punishment on the cross, so you can be forgiven?

God’s grace is his undeserved favor. A Christian stands on God’s grace (Romans 5:2), not his own merit or performance. What would it mean for you to stop depending on your efforts to get through each day and to rest in what God has provided? How would your relationships, work life, and church service change if you stopped putting pressure on yourself to perform perfectly and just trusted that God is going to provide everything you need?