



SEE IT

Psalm 5:2-3 NLT "Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I will never pray to anyone but you. Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my request to you and wait expectantly."

OBEY IT

What can we learn from these verses today?

1. We are in desperate need of help and there is only One who can help. God, our Creator and King is waiting for us to bring our problems to Him. When you see the state of our communities and our world, we may despair. But when we look up, we can have hope.

2. We need daily consistent prayer.

Not only is it important to come to God in prayer, we also need to make it a daily matter. As we spend time each day with God we come to realize how much He really loves us and wants to help us with the difficulties we face in life. We learn to trust Him as our closest friend and we look forward to and cherish each moment we can spend with Him. Prayer is a great way to find out from God who we can help today.

3. We should expect that God will answer our earnest petitions.

God is sympathetic toward our trials and concerns and He is able to help us to deal with and give solutions to our problems, because He is a God of power. Without wavering we should believe He will answer our prayers and fulfill our requests as long as we are in His will and are willing to obey Him. We are to expect good things from God. The Christian life is an expectant life. Our greatest expectation is the soon second coming of Christ when the culmination of all our expectations will be realized. In this hope, we can go and serve others.

SHARE IT

1. Read to a child.
2. Rake someone's yard.
3. Recycle.

My Prayer Today: I pray that people realize that there is a God in Heaven who answers prayer. I Pray that others will see how we as Christians live in joyful expectation. I Pray that others will come to know God as a loving Savior and friend who wants to answer their requests when they pray. Amen.

My Thoughts _____



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Romans 4:17 "(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him who believed-God, who gives life to the dead and calls those 'things which do not exist as though they did.'"

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We can learn three lessons from today's text:

1. God is the One with the game plan. Today's text begins with "as it is written." Our heavenly Father knows about our life and the challenges and perplexities we face. As His children it's important to remember that there is nothing we will encounter that will take Him by surprise. This is especially important when serving others. Instead of asking God to bless the plans we come up with, let's ask Him what His plan is and join him.

2. God is the One who call the plays. So often we feel as if our lives are just a scrambled up mess. We face uncertainty on every front. Our faith is tested by the circumstances we encounter. That was certainly the case for Abraham. Who could have imagined him becoming the father of us all with his barren wife and his old worn out body? Yet God's promise and His Word is sure. He knows the end from the beginning and His ultimate goal is for us to be victorious in this life and to have an eternal place with Him.

3. God is the One who knows His team. He has chosen us of all people to represent His cause on this planet. Though we are sinners, He calls us saints. Though we are weak, through faith in Him, we become strong. Everything He promised to us, He will deliver. Psalm 56:9 says, "When I cry out to you, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know because God is for me." That is what a great coach is noted for...being "for me" and that makes all the difference. He sees possibilities where I can only see struggles. He sees victories where I can only see failures. He sees gains where I can only see losses. So, go forth and serve in confidence. We win!

SHARE IT

1. Wave and smile to the person in the car next to you at a street intersection.
2. Be bold in your appreciation of life around you. Let people know that you appreciate them.
3. Create or buy a piece of art and gift it to someone

My Prayer for Today:

Lord, that I would know the assurance of being on God's team. Please put me in a position to share the gospel today. Especially with those that need your grace the most. Amen.

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