

MORNING WORSHIP

22 January 2006

Theme: A Deeper Trust in the Face of Troubled Times

Text: Psalm 5

Title: The Joy That Comes Through Trusting

(I) THE MANY SORROWS OF LIFE

*"You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,
Nor shall evil dwell with You.
The boastful shall not stand in Your sight;
You hate all workers of iniquity.
You shall destroy those who speak falsehood;
The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man."*

1. The presence of wickedness in the world

2. A short list of wicked people God abhors.

- a) The boastful
- b) The workers of iniquity
- c) Those who speak falsehood
- d) The bloodthirsty
- e) The deceitful

3. These negative and wicked influences take away the joys of life

- a) If they are unchecked
- b) If they are allowed to adversely affect us

(II) TRUST THAT GOD WILL JUDGE THE WICKED

*"Pronounce them guilty, O God!
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions,
For they have rebelled against You."* *Psalm 5:10*

1. An imprecatory element in this prayer

2. A prayer for justice

- a) The wicked to be adjudged guilty
- b) Their wicked counsels (plots) will fail
- c) They will be cast out of God's sight

(III) GOD'S PRECIOUS GIFT OF JOY

"You have put gladness in my heart..." *Psalm 4:7*

*"But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;
Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You."*

*For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;
With favour You will surround him as with a shield.” Psalm 5:11-12*

1. The Gift of Joy as a Great Defence against Negative perversity
“You defend them” Psalm 5:11

2. The Gift of Joy to be found in “Trust”
“But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You” Psalm 5:11

3. The Gift of Joy is part of God’s manifold blessing
“You, O LORD, will bless the righteous.” Psalm 5:12

4. The Gift of Joy will become a Hallmark of those who love the Lord
“Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You.” Psalm 5:11c