

A PLAN FOR LIVING

"Give ear to my words, O Lord." - PSALM 5:1

The fifth Psalm contains an excellent plan for living:

Meditation: "Consider my meditation" (verse 1). One of the grievous errors of this age is our fast pace which leaves no time to think and meditate. Meditating on the majesty of God will make a difference in our lives.

Morning prayer: "In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee" (verse 3). A good way to start the day. God's help is needed every day, all day.

Acceptance of mercy: "I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy" (verse 7). We are imperfect. Mercy is needed. And if we accept God's mercy which forgives us, then we should forgive ourselves and put our mistakes behind us.

Worship: "And in thy fear will I worship" (verse 7). Approach God with reverential fear. He is God. We are human. Never try to humanize Him. Keep the distinction. Let God be God. Worship Him. The need is as old as man.

A straight way: "Make thy way straight before my face" (verse 8) – not smooth, not easy. Just let the way be Thine and show me clearly.

Rejoice: "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice" (verse 11). Our days should be lived joyfully – not in serving a rigorous sentence. And where does it come from? From trusting the One who created us for joyful living. This puts *A Psalm in My Heart*.

- Leroy Brownlow, *A Psalm in My Heart* © (used by permission) -

THE GOSPEL

The word "gospel" means "good news." It has well been said that the gospel is the good news about Jesus' death, burial and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-4). And while that is true, the gospel is so much more. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, His triumph over death, the gospel is...

Glorious (1 Tim. 1:11)

Optimistic (Col. 1:23)

Saving (Eph. 1:13)

Powerful (Rom. 1:16)

Everlasting (Rev. 14:6)

Light (2 Tim. 1:10)

Without a doubt, the gospel of Christ is life changing. But for it to change our lives, we must obey it (2 Thess. 1:8). Having obeyed it, we should want to proclaim it to all (Acts 8:25). Now knowing what the gospel is and does, why wouldn't you want to take it into your life and take it out to others?

- Edd Sterchi, Broadway Church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY (*Bulletin Digest*) -

Our care should not be so much to live long, as to live well. - Seneca

News & Notes

UP FRONT: Bible drills for the kids and teens **each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:15 p.m.** Bible questions submitted by adults will be considered **each 3rd Sunday at 5:15 p.m.**

CARE & SHARE BEARS: **Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** All the ladies are invited to participate in helping to make stuffed bears for kids.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: **Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Men are urged to come and spend an hour with other brothers and be encouraged.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: **Next Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 8:00 a.m.** at EJ's in Chester.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: **Next Saturday, Nov. 2nd** at Hanoverton, OH Church of Christ. **Registration: 8:15-9:00 a.m. Topic: "On the Road to Heaven."**

Speakers: Latisha Brown, Danielle Burch, Angela Marshall, Terrie Spooner. Lunch provided.

NURSING HOME VISIT & DEVOTIONAL: **Next Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 2:30 p.m.** at Fox.

TIME CHANGE: Turn your clocks back one hour before you retire for the night **next Saturday, Nov. 2nd.** Daylight Saving Time ends.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY AFTERNOON SERVICE: **Next Sunday, Nov. 3rd at about noon** for the dinner at the Fellowship Building then followed by our **early afternoon worship service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: In an effort to update our membership directory, all will be done in-house (pictures, etc.) at **no cost to members.** Each family will receive a free directory after all pictures and information are processed. To expedite this effort, please make an appointment ASAP with Docie Moore; your cooperation will be appreciated.

PANTRY: Canned peaches and pears.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Alex Harless, Emma Rine, Beulah Walker, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 11). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 221) 500 Selfridge St. East Liverpool, OH 43920. Fred is now a permanent resident of this facility. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Where Are You Going?

A quaint inscription was found on a gravestone in an old British cemetery not far from Windsor Castle. It read:

*Pause, my friend, as you walk by;
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so you will be.
Prepare, my friend, to follow me!*

A visitor read that epitaph and added these lines:

*To follow you is not my intent,
Until I know which way you went!*

That is a good thought, isn't it? Where are you going when life ends?

- House to House Heart to Heart -

