

Answer Me When I Call

Psalm 4

An Appeal To God

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

(Psa. 4:1 ESV)

An Appeal To God

- **David calls on God.**
- **3 Imperatives:**
 - **Answer me!**
 - **Be gracious to me!**
 - **Hear my prayer!**

An Appeal To God

- **David calls on God.**
- **3 Imperatives:**
 - **Answer me!**
 - **Be gracious to me!**
 - **Hear my prayer!**

God is eager to
hear and answer!
Lk. 18:7-8

An Appeal To God

- **David calls on God.**
- **3 Imperatives:**
 - **Answer me!**
 - **Be gracious to me!**
 - **Hear my prayer!**

God is eager to
hear and answer!
Lk. 18:7-8

God want to be
gracious!
Mt. 7:11

An Appeal To God

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

(Psa. 4:1 ESV)

An Appeal To God

- **We should call on God too.**
 - **Thankful for His goodness.**
 - **Thankful for past provision.**
 - **1 Sam. 17:37**
 - **2 Cor. 1:8, 10**
 - **Source of mercy in time of need.**
 - **Heb. 4:16**

An Appeal For His Enemies

O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

(Psa. 4:2-3 ESV)

An Appeal To His Enemies

- **David reproves his enemies.**
- **How long...**
 - **Will you attack my honor?**
 - **Will you love vain words?**
 - **Will you seek lies against me?**

An Appeal To His Enemies

- **David reproves his enemies.**

**Remember that God
favors the godly!
2 Chr. 16:9**

An Appeal For His Enemies

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

(Psa. 4:4-5 ESV)

An Appeal For His Enemies

- **David exhorts his enemies cease sin.**
- **Anger unchecked leads to more sin.**
 - **Mt. 5:21-26** **He prays...**
 - **Eph. 4:26** **Consider your ways...**
Recognize what your doing...
Turn to God and do what is right..
Trust in the Lord...

An Appeal For His Enemies

- **David prayed for his enemies.**
- **What do we do?**
 - **Self examination – Mt. 7:1-5**
 - **Righteous anger – Mk. 3:5**
 - **Vengeance – Rom. 12:20-21**
 - **Good – 1 Pet. 3:9**

An Appeal For His Enemies

- **David prayed for his enemies.**
 - **Consider your ways...**
 - **Recognize what your doing...**
 - **Turn to God and do what is right..**
 - **Trust in the Lord...**

We should too!
Lk. 23:34; Ac. 7:60

An Appeal For His Enemies

**But I say to you, Love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute
you, (Mt. 5:44)**

**Bless those who persecute you; bless
and do not curse them. (Rom. 12:14)**

A Resolve To Trust In God

There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!" You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. (Psa. 4:6-8)

A Resolve To Trust In God

- **Some doubt God will answer him.**
- **David doesn't doubt God.**
 - **Num. 6:24-26**
- **Do we?**
 - **Doubt - Jas. 1:6-8; 1 Pet. 3:12**
 - **Confidence - Mt. 21:22; Heb. 11:6**
 - **Anxiety – Php. 4:4-8**

A Resolve To Trust In God

- **Some doubt God will answer him.**
- **David doesn't doubt God.**
 - Num. 6:24-26**

**Resolve to trust God
and take joy and comfort in Him!
Mt. 6:33-34; Gal. 5:22**

A Resolve To Trust In God

- **When we trust God there is:**
 - **Deliverance – Psa. 4:1**
 - **Confidence – Psa. 4:1**
 - **Grace – Psa. 4:3**
 - **Joy – Psa. 4:7**
 - **Peace – Psa. 4:8**
 - **Security – Psa. 4:8**

Answer Me When I Call

Psalm 4

God's Effort

God Sent His Son – 1 John 4:10-11

Jesus Shed His Blood – Ephesians 1:7

Spirit Revealed The Gospel – John 16:13

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mark 16:16 KJV)

God's Conditions

Believe Jesus Is The Christ – John 8:24

Repent Of Sins – Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess Christ – Romans 10:9-10

Immersed To Be Forgiven – Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16

Remain Faithful – Revelation 2:10

