

- 1 A prayer because of his confidence in God.
- 2 A challenge
- 3 David's confidence in God
- 4-5 David's caution to the ansry...
- 6 and the fearful
- 7-8 His confidence in God.

# Psalm 4

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

I preached Sunday on bitterness. This is a Psalm on bitterness and being hurt. DAVID shows 2 bad responses to being wronged. and then the right way. He ends the Psalm with an address to God of His faithfulness. Paul centered 2ph. 4:26 on this Psalm. It has come to my heart many times.

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! — God is the holy standard of David's judgments

You have relieved me in my distress; — Past and He has always been faithful to David

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer. — Present ... God is never changing in His faithfulness

2 O sons of men, how long will my honor become a reproach? — here is the reason for his prayer, he is being slandered! his honor has been smeared

Plural; a plot of many  
How long will you love what is worthless and aim at deception? — lies and slander  
Selah. continuously carrying out their slander  
Representing David as corrupt

3 But know that the Lord has set apart the godly man for Himself; — But his accusers need to know something DAVID belongs to GOD! He is not at the mercy of their lies

The Lord hears when I call to Him. and thus God hears me when I call for help.

4 Tremble, and do not sin; — who is DAVID speaking to? Those about him who "tremble" with rage. Our first response. DAVID SAYS "BE ANGRY" Indignation at evil is OK

do not act on anger  
Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Rest, trust  
Selah. "Go to bed and sleep" Paul said "don't let the sun go down..." in 2ph. 4  
Paul quotes this verse SAID "be angry" in 2ph. 4

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness; — Trust in God. Such trust in hard times is a pleasing sacrifice

And trust in the Lord. trust that v.3 is true "God will take care of you."

6 Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" — Here is another response to a bitter situation: that of despair.. Those who think there is no hope.

David gets bad counsel Hopelessness  
Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O Lord! The question is answered. "Who"? "GOD!"  
The God of Aaron's prayer (Num. 6:26)

7 (You have put gladness in my heart, — thus... David is glad

God's intervention and care  
More than when their grain and new wine abound. even though his enemies may have temporal happiness David will rest in God's righteousness and love  
↓ thru faith David has peace

8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep (v4) like Jesus in the boat

For You alone, O Lord, make me to dwell in safety. — and here is why  
all David needed was God as long as God was protecting him. This is the line in the Psalm where DAVID SPEAKS TO GOD.