

Family preparation for congregational worship on May 28, 2017

Our Scripture-Psalm 56 (ESV): *Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; 2 my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. 3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. 4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? 5 All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. 6 They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. 7 For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God! 8 You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? 9 Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. 10 In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, 11 in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? 12 I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. 13 For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.*

Discuss:

1. What was David's motivation for writing this Psalm? (vv.1-2).
2. What is the main idea of the Psalm? (vv.1-13).
3. Why did David expect God to save him? (v.13).

Prayer: Praise the Lord for the love that He has for you. Praise the Lord that He always walks with us through the pain in this life and that He never forgets us regardless of the circumstances. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray that you will be faithful in using the abilities that God has given you. Pray for our state and local government leaders. Pray for camp Fairwood, as they are getting ready for the summer camping season. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (May) Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content." 1 Timothy 6:6-8 (ESV)

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin a the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.*

*Could my tears forever flow, could my zeal no languor know, these for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone. In my hand no price I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death, when I rise to worlds unknown
And behold Thee on thy throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.*

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