APPLYING THE PSALMS TO EVERY DAY LIVING--6

"The Prayer of a 'Down in the Dumps' King"

Psalm 5:1-12

Introduction: _____

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When discouragement comes, the Christians had three weapons"

1. **First, by casting our cares on the Lord—*PRAYER*!**
2. **Secondly, by fighting it through Scripture—*THE WORD OF GOD*!**
3. **Thirdly, by overcoming it by fellowship in—*THE LOCAL CHURCH*!**

Note three sections in the Psalm:

I. FIRST, NOTICE THAT THE PSALM COMMENCES WITH A *PRAYER* (Psalm 5:1-4).

The very first thing David did was to pray. Notice how it did it in these verses:

A. First, he prayed *honestly* (5:1-2).
B. Secondly, he prayed *personally* (5:2b).
C. Thirdly, he prayed *persistently* (5:3a).
D. Fourthly, he prayed *systematically* (5:3b).
E. Fifthly, he prayed *expectantly* (5:3c).
F. Sixthly, he prayer *assuredly* (5:4).

II. SECONDLY, NOTE HOW THE PSALM CONTINUES WITH A *PROBLEM* (Psalm 5:5-10).

A. First, when there is a problem, we are to *recognize* God as the righteous Judge (5:5-6).

Note two things here:

1. First, remember that God is *separate* from all evil and will judge all (5:4-5).
2. Secondly, we need to *examine* and make sure we are IN Christ and walking in obedience (4:6).

B. Secondly, when there is a problem, we need make sure we are on the _____ path (5:8).
C. Thirdly, when there is a problem, we need to _____ to God as the righteous Judge (5:9-10).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER HOW THE PSALM CONCLUDES WITH TWO _____ (Psalm 5:11-12).

A. First, notice the promise of _____ to the committed (5:11).
B. Secondly, note the promise of _____ to righteous (5:12).

THINGS TO REMEMBER FROM THIS PSALM:

1. **First, we are to be _____ in our prayers.**
2. **Secondly, we are to _____ ourselves of His defense.**
3. **Thirdly, we are to _____ the Lord's promises.**