

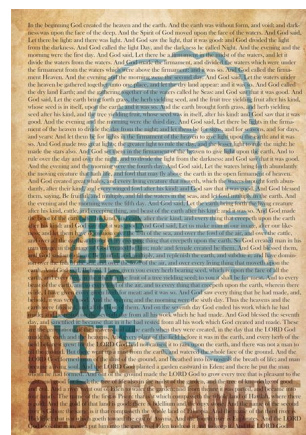


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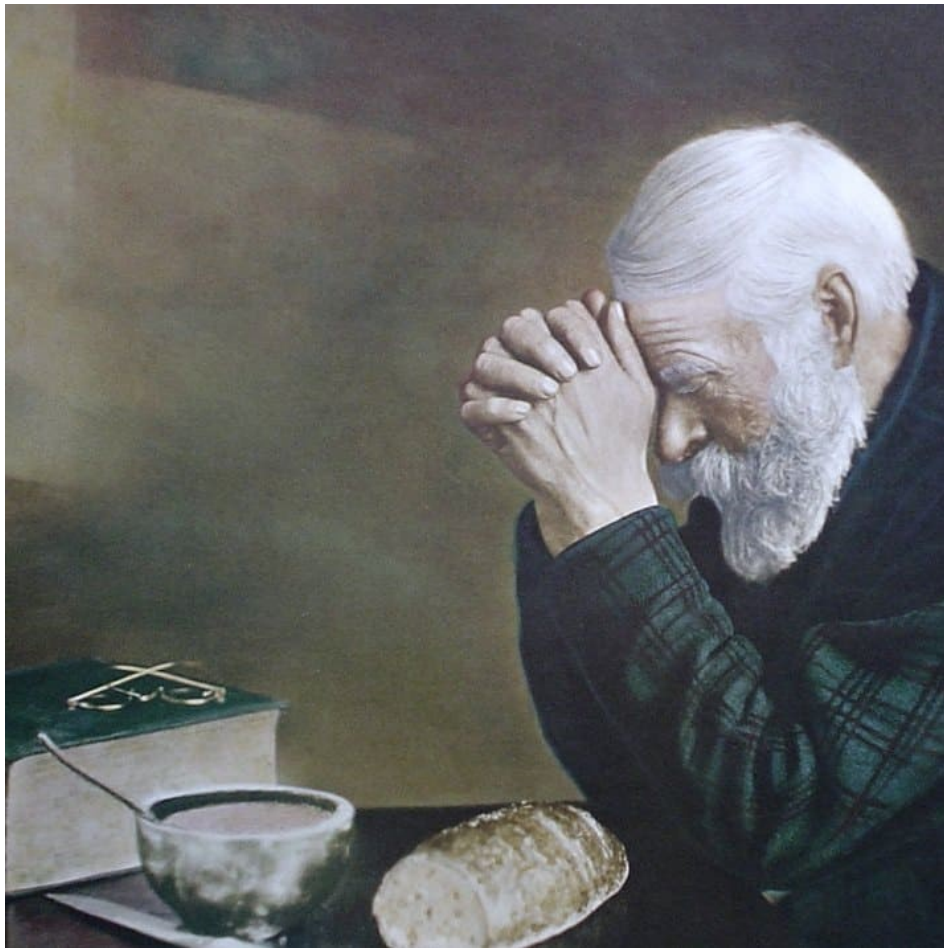


"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (Luther's Works, 25:238).

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"The Daily David"

Three eggs and a piece of toast. One and a half cups of coffee. Shoes on five minutes before leaving the house, and double check for kid toys under the tires. I guess I'm a man of routine.

It turns out that King David had a pretty steady routine, too, or what I like to call "the daily David," and I was struck by this in a new way during a recent study of Psalm 4.

But first thing's first: even the very *arrangement* of the few first psalms of the book of psalms, I think, gives you a sense of how David ticks. In Psalm 3, for example, he mentions waking up, and in Psalm 4, going to bed. In Psalm 5 we're back in the morning, and in Psalm 6, the evening. In Psalm 7 we have the language of "arise"! But in Psalm 8, we're back gazing at the moon and the stars. Like the blessed man of the very first psalm, David is in his routine day and night.

How does Psalm 4 give us a nice look into "the daily David"? Well, it starts like this: "Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!" (Ps. 4:1).

That's not bad. For David, the day begins by remembering that God is our righteousness. If your first thought after waking up is how to improve your status, think instead about how God has already taken care of your status...before himself. If how to make ends meet is fresh on the morning mind, remember first that God has already received in full the payment...for your sin.

So far, so good, but it's time to get up and at 'em. "O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?" (Ps. 4:2). This is that part of the day, pretty early on, when you first see or hear or simply start to think about the world around you. David's honor—literally his "glory"—was being turned into shame on a daily basis. He was being insulted regularly just for what he's received from the Lord.

Sound familiar? Honor traditional marriage, you'll be branded as shameful toward the rainbow revolution. Honor the sanctity of life, and you're considered shameful toward women. Part of "the daily David" is sizing all this up and calling it what it is: the love of vain words and seeking after lies.

David's response? "Be angry, and do not sin..." (Ps. 4:4). That's a doozy, don't you think? But when you consider all the ways that the father of lies has affected your family, your friendships, your society, your government, and, yes, even your church, that should bother you. "The daily David" doesn't allow for any apathy towards what is true, good, and beautiful, or for thinking that Christians can somehow achieve herd immunity from the infectiousness of secular humanism.

So, be angry. But don't sin, of course, and don't despair, either. No, "Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord" (Ps. 4:5). Call it what it is, but then remember each and every day that the Lord has brought you to where he has, at this time, to do what he's given you to do. Extend to others the talents and the abilities and the love that have first been given to you, and trust in the Lord to work through that as he sees fit.

At the end of the day—both literally and figuratively—David's prayer was always the same: "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" (Ps. 4:7-8).

It seems to me that "the daily David" is not just some quirky routine from one guy in one place from a few thousand years ago, but the shape of the one faith of God's people across all times and places. The key to the whole thing is that *David tackles each and every day with a peace that's better than anything this world has to offer*. The Key to the whole thing is that David's great routine actually has everything to do with great David's greater Son.

He is the righteousness that David is confessing. He offered *the* right sacrifice because it defeated the father of lies, and he's put more joy in our hearts than they have when their grain and wine abound because he's given us a grain that is in, with, and under his very body, and a wine that's in, with, and under his very blood.

With each new day that comes along, His routine is to find ways to set you apart for himself, working through your crosses to draw you more closely to himself, and connecting you again and again with his word and promises to keep you in the one true faith until an eternal day where night will be no more (Rev. 22:5).

Dr. Brian German
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[To listen to a recent interview of Dr. German about Psalm 4 on KFUE Radio, click here.](#)



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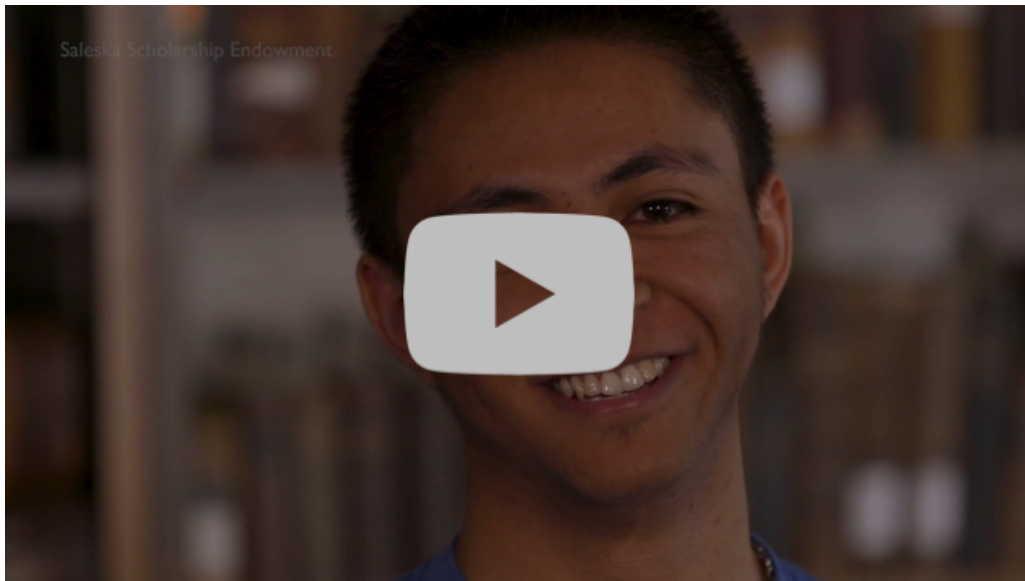
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1 Habakkuk 3:2-19 2 Chronicles 1-3	2 Psalm 57 2 Chron. 4-6	3 Psalm 58 2 Chron. 7-9	4 Psalm 59 2 Chron. 10-12	5 Psalm 60 2 Chron. 13-15	6 Psalm 61 2 Chron. 16-18	7 Psalm 62 2 Chron. 19-21
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29 Psalm 84 Job 22-24	30 Psalm 85 Job 25-27	31 Habakkuk 3:2-19 Job 28-30				

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