PSALMS
THE LANGUAGE of PRAYER

Let Us Draw Near

> *Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. — Hebrews 10:19-21*

How do we approach the holy God who created the universe? We saw last week in Psalm 8 we need to come humbly, realizing both our state as created beings coming into the presence of our creator, and our state as sinners coming into the presence of a holy God. But if that were the end of the story it would indeed be a fearful thing to pray to a God of such wisdom, power and majesty when I am so weak, lowly and disobedient. Yet Hebrews says we can enter God's presence, not simply pray from afar, but actually enter the holy place where God is seated and draw near to God! How can that be? It is only through the blood of Jesus. The fact that Jesus humbled Himself and was willing to die on a cross in my place is what now makes it possible for me to enter into God's presence. And not just to enter, but to enter boldly and with confidence, in full assurance of faith, knowing that God has cleansed me and he is as working in me, and He now desires for me to be near to Him and to receive His blessings.

As you pray through the Psalms this week, pray with boldness,. Cry out to God not with some remote hope He might decide to listen, but with full confidence that in Christ He has made you His child, He really does care about you, and He will ALWAYS hear and draw near to His children!

THIS WEEK'S PSALMS

Monday, Sept 30_____*Morning*—Psalm 71| *Evening*—Psalm 72

Tuesday, Oct. 1_____*Morning*—Psalm 73| *Evening*—Psalm 74

Wednesday, Oct. 2_____*Morning*—Psalm 77| *Evening*—Psalm 119:81-104

Thursday , Oct. 3_____*Mornng*—Psalm 78:1-39| *Evening*—Psalm 78:40-72

Friday, Oct. 4_____*Morning*—Psalm 55 | *Evening*—Psalm 69

Saturday, Oct. 5_____*Morning*—Psalm 76 | *Evening*—Psalm 81

Sunday, Oct. 6_____*Morning*—Psalm 2 | *Evening*—Psalm 89:1-18

QUESTIONS to CONSIDER about EACH PSALM

1) What is this Psalm about?
2) What is felt?
3) What is requested?
4) What is declared?

PHRASES about GOD or PETITIONS to GOD WORTH REMEMBERING or MEMORIZING

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