

GCFSM SUNDAY

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THE LORD WHO HEARS

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Psalm 4 is an individual lament. King David was besieged by oppressors led by his own son, Absalom. In his time of distress, he appealed to the righteousness of God. This character of God became the anchor of his faith that gave him peace every night during a season of darkness.

David called on God to answer his cry for help. He appealed to God as a righteous God who keeps His covenant and fulfills His promises to His people. He reminded God of how He had delivered him in the past. When he looked back on the past, he expected God to hear his plea once again (4:1).

David complained against his oppressors on how long they would dishonor him with their slanders and lies. The Hebrew "sons of man" translated, "O men," refers to influential and powerful men in society. Most probably, they included Absalom and his men, who took over David's throne. In response, David expressed confidence that God, in His righteousness, had chosen him for Himself and would surely hear his call for help (4:2-3).

David commanded those who were suffering unjustly to control their anger and not sin. He exhorted them to calm their hearts and clear their minds. They needed to strive to be right with God during unjust suffering as they trusted God's deliverance (4:4-5).

David confessed that God had shown him favor by letting His countenance shine upon him. When many of David's oppressors doubted that God would show goodness upon him, he cried out for God to let His light shine upon him and those who were on his side. It was an appeal for God's presence to be manifested in his life. God's presence led to God's goodness filling David's heart with gladness that no material thing could offer (4:6-7).

David concluded the psalm with an affirmation that God alone made him feel rested and secured. Despite being besieged by his enemies, he could sleep soundly every night. He was totally at peace, not because of the absence of problems but because he was dwelling in God's presence (4:8).

In our context today, peace and rest are elusive. With the diverse problems, issues, and trials we must face every day, it is crucial to experience peace and rest every night. Without peace and rest, our minds will be confused, our hearts chaotic, our spirits restless, and our conduct rebellious. In this sermon, we will learn key theological anchors that will enable us to lie down and sleep every night with peace and rest that can only come through Jesus Christ our Lord who hears! ✦

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ LIVE THE WONDERFUL LIFE!

Edifying Ministry

May 13, 2023 | 8:00 AM

Speaker: Elder Gilbert Bayang

■ CROSSDRIVEN FELLOWSHIP

CrossDriven YA Ministry

May 13, 2023 | Saturday

4:00-6:00 PM

■ YOUTH WORSHIP

The Hub Youth Ministry

May 7, 2023 | 10:30 AM

Venue: Youth Center

**OG: HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
CAMP** - June 1-3, 2023

**RE-LIFE: COLLEGE YOUTH
CAMP** - July 13-15, 2023

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