

# The Godly Man

Jesus in the Psalms, Part IV

Psalm 4

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## I. Christ in the Psalms

*“Now, in the early [Church], men full of the thoughts of Christ could never read the Psalms without being reminded of their Lord. They probably had no system or fixed theory as to all the Psalms referring to Christ; but still, unthinkingly, we might say, they found their thoughts wandering to their Lord, as the one Person in whom these breathings, these praises, these desires, these hopes, these deep feelings, found their only true and full realization. Hence, Augustine (Psalm 58) said to his hearers, as he expounded to them this book, that ‘The voice of Christ and His Church was well-nigh the only voice to be heard in the Psalms... We ought to recognize His voice in all the Psalms.’”*

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## II. To the Chief Musician, with Stringed Instruments

A. Musical Gifts – The Value of Leaders (cf. 1 Chr 25:1-7)

B. Instrumentation in Worship

## III. Confidence in God’s Favor

A. Setting and Purpose – Instructing the Abishais among us (cf. 1 Sam 26; 2 Sam 16:5ff)

David knew that Abishai desired to honor him but that Abishai’s anger was blinding him to the truth. And all of us face this temptation. All of us are tempted to justify practicing \_\_\_\_\_ when we are suffering \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 4 instructs Abishais of the evils of taking revenge and the virtue of trusting God. When you see men rising up against the Lord’s Christ, what should you do?

1. Cry out to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Rebuke the \_\_\_\_\_
3. Don’t return \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ but trust in God

B. Message

1. Cry out to God (vv. 1, 6b)

2. Rebuke the enemy (vv. 2, 6a)

3. Don't return evil for evil but trust in the Lord (vv.3-5)

- Acknowledge that he is God's Messiah and that God will vindicate him.

- Don't respond to unrighteousness with unrighteousness (cf. Eph 4:26)

- Worship God faithfully and rely upon Him to vindicate His Christ (cf. 2 Cor 10:3-6)

4. Fruit of Trusting in God (vv.7-8)

**IV. Praying this Psalm** (cf. Rom 12:9-21; Phil 4:6-7; 1 Pet 2:21-25)