

“Take Cover!” by Geoff Buck
Psalm 5

Setting it up

- This is David. Gutsy, real, VERTICAL (you),
- For the Choirmaster
- For the flutes: sensitive, beautiful, pensive
- Outline (for screen)**
 - 1-3 Bring it all to God early
 - 4-6 Bring it all to God with reality
 - 7-8 Bring it all to God with confidence/expectation
 - 9-10 Bring it all to God with perspective
 - 11-12 Take cover and enjoy the refuge and favor of God

1-3 Bring it all to God early

- *"This is the fittest time for intercourse with God. An hour in the morning is worth two in the evening. While the dew is on the grass, let grace drop upon the soul."*
(Spurgeon)
- Martin Luther famously said, *"If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day. I have so much business, I cannot go without spending three hours daily in prayer."*
- Watchman Nee at 5 am
- 65 days in Atlanta: no mornings missed
 - Regular time
 - Bookmarks study system
- Words/movements in prayer here
 - 1 Words
 - 1 Groaning
 - 2 Cry
 - My King and My God
 - 2 Pray To YOU I PRAY (not doctors)
- **Intensity: Give ear, consider, give attention, talking to You God!!!!**
- 3 IN THE MORNING You hear my voice
 - IN THE MORNING I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch
 - *"Do we not miss very much of the sweetness and efficacy of prayer by a want of careful meditation before it, and of hopeful expectation after it? Let holy preparation link hands with patient expectation, and we shall have far larger answers to our prayers."* (Spurgeon)
 - TIME WITH GOD HARD TO GET in middle years at CCFL

4-6

Bring it all to God with reality

- 4-6 God IS a God who can deal with wickedness
- Does this remind you of California?
- What is your real situation?
 - How much in debt?
 - What exactly is your diagnosis?
 - Exactly how much to save for retirement?
 - Real problems you face in this wicked world?

7-8

Bring it all to God with confidence/expectation

7 BUT AS FOR ME

- I am responsible for my own morale
- By your LOVINGKINDNESS (chesed)
 - I will enter Thy house
 - ST MARY'S PG
 - I will bow in reverence for Thee
 - Fear of the Lord

8 Two key things to pray

- Lead me in Thy righteousness
- Make Thy way straight before me
 - Zig zag life
 - Nothing crooked in God
 - STRAIGHT UP

9-10

Bring it all to God with perspective

- Back talking about the wicked
 - FEELING VULNERABLE
 - GANG TRIAL: Nortenos & Serenos (I asked for the weapon)
 - Single moms, people living alone, fixed income, separated

11-12

Take cover and enjoy the refuge and favor of God

Two final encouragements

- 11 Take refuge and shelter
 - GIMME SHELTER
 - Note words GLAD, JOY, EXULT
- 12 Enjoy the favor of God
 - Atlanta experience

Application/Invitation

- Bring it to God early
- Bring it to God with reality
- Bring it to God with confidence/expectation
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- Take cover