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Female: And now for 7607, "Favorite 5 From Psalms 5."

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. Well, we welcome all of you joining us by television today and those of you joining us at brothersoftheword.com. Certainly, delighted to have you tuned in to today's broadcast.

Well, I would like to just share a little humor. A man was coming out of church one day, and the pastor was standing up at the door as always to shake hands. And he grabbed the man by the hand and pulled him aside, and the pastor said to him, "You need to join the army of the Lord." The man replied, "I'm already in the army of the Lord, pastor." The pastor questioned him and said, "How come, I only see you on Christmas and Easter?" The man replied, "I'm in the secret service."

Well, open your Bible if you will to the Book of Psalms in Chapter 5. Chapter 5. Psalms Chapter 5 and we're going to look at the entire chapter, but I just wanted to focus in on Verse 11 and 12. Psalms 5:11-12. When you get there, say, "Amen." Well, let's read together there in unison. Psalms 5:11-12. "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."

And I was reading Psalms 5 one particular day, I don't know this was weeks ago in just my personal devotional time and I was reading the Psalms 5 and the Lord just sort of highlighted five things there in those two verses that are rich wonderful blessings that we have to enjoy as people of God, and I just kind of made a note of them, and I thought about those five things and I say, "Well, you know this is Psalms 5 and the Lord just

showed me five.” And so I said, “I’ll call that Favorite 5 from Psalms 5.”

I used to love the T-Mobile commercials. They originated the Fave 5 slogan. They had a calling plan where they allowed you to have five people that you could make unlimited calls to on any network and they count on the favor of 5. So, they used and run commercials all the time. Certain celebrities and basketball players asking to, “You didn’t (00:04:15) of those fave 5,” Can I get in your fave 5,” Can I imitate you’re fave 5?”

That’s what I thought about there from Psalms 5 and just wanted entitled this “Favorite 5 from Psalms 5.” Favorite 5 from Psalms 5. Well, there were five particular things at the end of Psalms 5 and as I went back to look at it in more detail, I noticed five things in the beginning of Psalms 5, and I noticed five things in middle of Psalms 5. So, I have five in the beginning, five in the middle, and five at the end.

I said, “Lord, I can call it 15 Favorite things from Psalms 5, then there’s a (00:04:54) I would stick with Favorite 5 from Psalms 5. What David here is actually teaching us some things about prayer here.

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And the first five things here in the beginning of Psalms 5, he teaches us some wonderful attributes about prayer and you see them in basically the first, second and third verses. Five things that I picked up that he practiced in his prayer life and that he teaches us and enlightens our heart about prayer.

Number one, he says, “I will pray.” I will pray. That’s actually there in Verse 2. Notice that the end of Verse 2, he says, “for unto thee will I pray.” And he is speaking of a consistent life of prayer. He is talking about a consistent life of prayer that he had made a decision that he was going to be a man of prayer consistently, a consistent life of prayer. Everybody say, “Consistent life of prayer.” Consistent life of prayer. So, he was talking about establishing regular communication with God. Prayer is a toolkit for broken down situations, it’s communication with God, it’s regular communication with God. And so, regular communication that helps any relationship, that helps any friendship, any type of relationship. This regular

communication, the relationship is strengthened, the bond is strengthened stronger. And so, David had made the first declaration that I will pray. "I will pray." Say that, "I will pray." I will pray. I will pray. So, establishing consistent regular prayers, the first thing I notice David teaches us about prayer there.

Then in number two, he says this in Verse 3, he says, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning" -- he continues it, he repeats morning twice and one rendering of that is he is actually saying "morning by morning," "morning by morning I will pray." So, there's an established regular habit of consistent prayer. Consistent communication with God. So, he gives us -- he gives us here in this key, he gives us the priority of prayer, that he will begin his day. And so, he specifies the time of the -- "Lord and in the morning, you going to hear for me." "In the morning," and so, he prioritizes his communication with God, putting God first, beginning the day with God. When you begin the day with God, you're committing your whole day with God. When you start with God, that sets the tone for the entire day and as much as we have to encounter throughout the day -- how many of you know we need God throughout the day? We need God throughout the day. And so, he teaches us the importance of priority of beginning your day with God. Begin your day with God. The importance of beginning your day with God. Somebody say that the day hemmed in by prayer is less likely to unravel. When you hem your day in by prayer, it is less likely to unravel.

Now, David actually, he was a person of prayer. He not only prayed in the morning, but he said in some other Psalms that he prayed morning, noon, and in the evening. So, in the end, in one verse, he actually said that he prays seven times a day, seven times a day. So, he was really person of prayer. He was a person of prayer, person who practice prayer. It was the established habit in his life. And so, he teaches us the consistency he teaches us the priority of beginning your day with God. Beginning your day with God. Beginning your day with God.

Number three, I want you to see also in Verse 3. In Verse 3, he says something interesting. He says, "in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee?" Now, that little word "direct" it's interesting, interesting word. The word "direct" is implying of

the word “order” and is given the implication that when the priest got ready to make a sacrifice, so he have to order the sacrifices in a certain way. So, it speaks of order. It also, speaks of a military company about to engage in battle and they array themselves in a certain quarter.

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And so, a sort of like a strategic order. And so, order strategy. So, notice this that David prayed with well thought out order prayer -- he had a well thought out order to his prayer. So, he had a daily prayer strategy. Everybody say, “Daily prayer strategy.” He had a daily prayer strategy. So, he really wasn’t just had hastily in his prayer, David was very intentional in his prayer life. So, he had a daily prayer strategy. He had a daily prayer strategy. So, he ordered his prayer and that’s that where when he says, “I will direct my prayer unto you. Lord, I’m strategically praying for some things and I’m going to put some though.” He put thought. He didn’t just run off at the mouth. He put some thought into his prayers. He put a thought into his prayers and he strategically ordered them. He has strategic prayer. That was my first time ever really seeing that strategic prayer, strategic prayer and he had well thought out prayer.

Number four, the fourth thing that I noticed about his prayer life. This is in Verse 3 he says -- at the end of Verse 3, “unto thee will I look up.” And that lets me know that he was expectant in prayer. He was expectant. Everybody say, “expectant.” He was expectant, he was expectant in prayer. He was looking, he was looking, he was expecting, looking to God. Expecting, looking for God’s answer. Yet he was willing to wait patiently for it. He had great patience, he understood something about God’s timing. He understood that even if God didn’t answer him right then or give him exactly what he prayed for, he understood that God evidently has something better for him. And so, he had expectant prayer. He had expectant prayer.

And then number five, number five, I notice this in Verse 1. In Verse 1, he says that, “God hears our prayer.” He lets us know that God hears our prayer. Look at Verse 1, Chapter 5, “Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.” Now, this kind of interesting because he lets us know that God not only hears the words that you pray but God actually hears the meditation of your heart. He hears the meditation of your heart.

He said, “Lord consider my meditation.” And the word “meditation”, he gives into the word “groaning.” And we talked about this when we were talking about the Holy Spirit, how the Holy Spirit makes an assertion for us with groaning and he is bearing witness of the same thing we talked about how God is able to receive our very groanings. He is able to consider our groanings and make sense out of our groanings. Even when you aren’t able to put it on the words properly, you’re groaning, God discerns the groaning of your heart. He interprets the groaning of your heart. The longing of your heart and He considers that in your prayer. So, He not only hears the prayer but He hears the groaning of your heart.

So those were the favorite 5 things that I noticed that David teaches us about prayer. Those are my fave 5. Turn to your neighbors and said, “Those are my fave 5.” Say, “Fave 5 from Chapter 5, from Psalms 5.” Those are the first fave 5 from Psalms.

Now, as you get further long into the middle of this particular Psalms, David begins talking about three characters. He talks about himself, talks about his enemies and then he talks about the people of God. Talks about himself, he talks about his enemies and then he talks about the people of God.

Now, here we are again. Here are my five favorite things that he says about himself. He says, number one, that he is going to stay close to God. These are decisions that he is making. These are the prayers of his heart and decision that he is making. He says, I’m going to stay close to God, number one.

Number two, He said “I’m going to worship God reverently.” I’m going to worship God reverently. He was going to really have reverential fear. That’s like, we going to fear. I’m going to have reverential fear when I approach God and he makes a distinction not only privately but public and corporate worship. In other words, David said, “I’m going to church. I’m not only going to worship God privately by myself.” But he said, “I’m going to church.” Turn to your neighbor and say, “Go to church.”

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He said, “I’m going to church.” A lot of people feel like, you know, they don’t need to go to church. They can have

relationship with God right at home. That's true you can, but there is something that you get from church. There is something that you get from the fellowship. There is something that you get from the corporate body, from the corporate anointing. So, David says, "I worship God, I reverence Him in my worship privately." But he said, "I'm going to church." And he said, "I'm going to worship him publicly. I'm going to reverence him with reverential fear publicly." In fact, it is your private worship that prepares you properly for public worship.

Men, if everybody just engage in private worship and even we all got together, oh men, there would be great rivers flowing, great stream flowing. If we all brought our private worship and then we came together corporately. And so, he understood the benefit of not only private worship, but coming together corporately. Of course, Hebrews lets us know to forsake not the assembly together of yourselves together specially as you see the day approaching. So, we are to come together corporate, there is great common (00:16:13) great communion, great fellowship that we gain from the corporate body.

You know, statistics say that people who go to church live long because there is something that we gain from community. There is something that we gain from the hug and the warmth and the love. There is something that we gain when you're able to distress and take a deep breath and worship and pray and engage in friendship. All of that actually extends your life. It extends your life.

So, I read one statistic that people who go to church lives six to seven years longer than people that don't. Turn to your neighbors and say, "Thank God, I'm in Church." Thank God, I'm in Church. Turn to your neighbor and say, "I'm adding years of my life." You're lengthening your life by going to church. That's one of the benefits that going to church, you're lengthening your life. You're lengthening your life by going to church. And so, there's something to be gained.

And then, number three, David still talking about himself. He says, "I'm going to depend on His mercy." He said, "I'm going to depend on His mercy." He said, "I'm not God going to approach God out of my own self-righteousness, out of my own merit." He said, "I'm going to throw myself over on His mercy." I'm going to throw myself, and that lets us know that His mercy is the

foundation of our hope. His mercy is the foundation of everything. His mercy, His mercy, he understood that God's mercy was inexhaustible. God has an inexhaustible supply of mercy. I read something about God's mercy, it says, "His mercy is a fountain that never runs dry." His mercy is a fountain that never runs dry. So, David, he came with a dependence on the mercy of God.

Number four, he said in his prayer, "Lord guide me, lead me in a right way." He wanted to go the right way. He wanted the right path for his life. He wanted God's path of righteousness. And so that was very deep into his heart that "Lord I want to do what's right. I want to follow your path. I want to go your way." So, he submitted himself to God's will, for God's plan, for God's path. That was the fourth thing that I noticed about himself as he talked about himself in the middle of this passage.

And then number five, he said, "Lord, preserve me." Lord preserve me. So, he wanted to stay close to God, worship Him privately, publicly. Number three, dependent on His mercy. Number four, he asked God to lead him and guide him in the right way. And number five, he asked God preserve him. And so those are the favorite five that I noticed in Psalm 5 that he said about himself.

Now, next, he talked about his enemies and I don't want to waste a time because in today's time, we don't really have a lot of enemies as far as people coming against us per se, trying to do his home like he did in his day. We have some but not to the extent that he had. And so, I kind of look at when David, he deals a lot with enemies in his Psalms and I view that as the devil. The devil is our chief enemy. You do have chief enemy arrayed against you, and it's the devil. And he uses different tactics and destructive forces to try to harm your life and to detour you and to derail you and to get you out of God's purpose and so forth. And so, whenever I say David talking about his enemies, I always put Satan there and his plans, and his tactics. And basically, I don't have favorite five for the enemies, he summed it up in one and you will be destroyed.

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And so, that's the mindset that you can use for the devil. You will be destroyed, you will be destroyed, no weapon formed

against me shall prosper. That's the way he summed up his enemies. It won't work. It won't work. It won't work.

Now, I'm out of time. Let me quickly give you the five favorite things that he says about -- he actually tells about the people of God. I don't have time to deal with it, but I'm just going to give you the five quickly.

Number one, he actually tells us to rejoice three times. He said, "Rejoice, be joyful." He says, "Shout for joy, rejoice with --" He just kept repeating himself. In other words, he said, "We have something to be thankful about because we trust Him." And so, number one is, we trust God because God is trustworthy. God is trustworthy. This is number one of the Favorite 5 from Psalm 5 concerning us. God is trustworthy. We can trust God because God is trustworthy. A lot of people put their trust in themselves. They think they can make their own way, they trust their own intelligence, their own skill, their education, their abilities, they put their trust in their money or their jobs or their position. Folks, none of that stuff is solid. All of that stuff is like shifting sand. There's no anchor, there's no stability to that. We're living in fast changing times. And God is the only one who never changes. He is the only who is solid. He is the only one that you can put your trust in. But if you put your trust solely in yourself or in any of your (00:21:42) advantages or any person, you will be gravely disappointed in life. Put your trust in Him. Put your trust in Him. Put your trust in Him. So, number one, He is trustworthy.

Number one, we have His name. We have His name. We have His name. He says, "Let those who love Your name be joyful in you." We have His name. We have His name. We have His name. I wish I had about 5 minutes, I have some interesting things to show you about that. Jesus would always reveal himself by His name. God would always reveal Himself by His name. Whatever Jesus got ready to do something, He will first announce His name. When he got ready to open blind eyes, He will say, "I'm the light of the world." Jesus gave the name to what He was about to do and that's what He called Himself. When He got ready to feed the hungry, He said, "I'm the bread of life." When He got ready to raise a dead, He said, "I'm the resurrection and the life." His name was always based on -- men, I wish I have my five minutes to preach that.

I got into the name fond and it's such a great time. It's an exciting study. God was the same way. God always revealed Himself by His name. He always revealed Himself by His name. Whenever He got ready to heal and then He said, "I'm Jehovah Rapha, I'm the Lord your healer, I'm the Lord your physician." He always announces His name whenever He got ready to perform that particular function. And so, God, He is whatever we need Him to be at that moment. That's who He is. That's who He is. When Abraham was on the mountain, they are again ready to sacrifice his son, then the Lord stopped him and God provide a ramp for Abraham, and then he was known then as Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who sees the need and provides. He became Jehovah Jireh. "I saw you had a need Abraham and I provided a ramp." And so, God sees the need and then He makes the provision, Jehovah Jireh. Amen. His name is a fascinating stuff, I may have to come back and teach on that some more. That's a good stuff.

Number three in Fave 5, this is concerning us. Now, I got really excited, I hate them all the time, but I got really excited when I get to the Fav 5 concerning us because that's really what I meant to teach. I really meant to teach you the Fav 5 concerning us and I just got caught of the other series of fives. Number three, concerning us is God blesses us. God blesses us. God blesses His people. God blesses His people. And that's what David said, "Rejoice, be joyful." You got to be happy because we have something to be happy about and he says (00:24:25) he gives 5 major things why we can be happy, why we are rejoicing. And number three is God blesses me. Turn to your neighbor and say, "God blesses me." God blesses me. God blesses me. God blesses me.

Number four, He surrounds us with favor. He surrounds us with favor as a shield. Say that with me, "God surrounds me with favor as a shield." He surrounds me with favor as a shield.

Number five, He defends me. God has your back. God has your back. And those are the Favorite 5 from Psalms 5. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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