

April 6

Psalm 23

This is the familiar “shepherd’s psalm,” attributed to David. It speaks of the hope we have in the presence and power of God.

Question to Consider:

The psalm speaks of security in God’s presence. Have you ever felt like God was with you in a special way? What were the circumstances?

Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for always being with me. Help me to trust in you so that I can say with the psalmist that “I will fear no evil.” I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

April 7

Psalm 51

David was a great king, but he was also a human being who sometimes disobeyed God. In one instance, he had an adulterous affair with a woman named Bathsheeba. The prophet Nathan confronted David about it and in response, David wrote this psalm of confession.

Question to Consider:

The question for you to consider is not *whether* you have sinned, but whether you have asked God for forgiveness. Have you?

Prayer:

Forgiving God, I have sinned against you today. I (*name some specific examples*), and I ask you to forgive me. I know that you are merciful, and I pray for your mercy. I am sorry, and will try not to repeat these acts of disobedience. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

April 8

Psalm 100

This is a short psalm of praise.

Question to Consider:

Have you praised God today? Take a few moments and think back on just the past 24 hours. How has God blessed you in the past 24 hours?

Prayer:

Almighty God, I give you thanks. I thank you for who you are and for what you do. As I think about the past 24 hours in my life, I thank you for (*name specific examples*). You are good and your love endures forever, and in the name of Jesus I thank you. Amen.

April 9

Psalm 139

This psalm speaks of the good news that we cannot be apart from God. He knows us better than we know ourselves and He is with us wherever we go.

Question to Consider:

This psalm teaches that we cannot escape God's presence. Does that make you glad, or nervous?

Prayer:

Always present God, I know that you know me better than I know myself and that you are with me wherever I go. Thank you for loving me, knowing me, and being with me. I pray that I will always take comfort in the knowledge that you are right here with me. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

April 10

Psalm 150

This is another psalm of praise.

Question to Consider:

This psalm speaks of using different musical instruments to praise God. What is something that *you* could use to praise God? What would you do?

Prayer:

Loving God, you are worthy of thanks and praise. Help me to have a spirit of praise, a spirit that sees the blessings you provide, a spirit that continually sees the good things that you do. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.