

PRAYER MEETING

28 January 2019

Text: **Psalm 30:8-12**

SEEKING GOD

1. I cried out to You, O LORD

- a) Seeking God
 - i) For His pardon
 - ii) For forgiveness
 - iii) For reconciliation
 - iv) For restitution

- b) And to the LORD I made supplication
 - i) Repeatedly
 - ii) Urgently
 - iii) Sorrowfully

2. Content of prayer

a) Rhetorical questions

They display what was in the mind of David. They show us how he prayed!

- i) What profit is there in my blood? (Psalm 30:9a)
- ii) When I go down to the pit
Will the dust praise You? (Psalm 30:9b)
- iii) Will it declare Your truth? (Psalm 30:9c)

These are desperate pleas for help!

- b) Pleading mercy
 - i) Hear, O LORD
 - ii) Have mercy (Psalm 30:10a)
 - iii) Be my Helper (Psalm 30:10b)

GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S MERCY BESTOWED

1. Mourning

- a) Personal feelings
- b) Deep sadness
 - i) For sin
 - ii) For foolishness

2. My sackcloth

- a) Sign of deep sorrow
- b) Repentance of heart

3. Dancing

- a) Opposite of mourning
- b) Great joy returns

4. Clothed with gladness

- a) In place of sackcloth
- b) Total opposite

DIVINE PURPOSE

1. To give glory to man

- a) Indicative of His favour
- b) And of His forgiveness and restoration
- c) Blessings

2. Appropriate response to the LORD God

- a) My glory may sing praise to You (Psalm 30:12a)
- b) And not be silent (Psalm 30:12b)
- c) I will give thanks to You forever (Psalm 30:12c)