

Devotional

Beginning Your Day



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Through the Psalms
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> In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.
> (Psalm 5:3)

How does your day begin? Do you start with a scramble, with a flurry, trying to do three different things at one time? Do you find yourself often short of breath and short of temper, impatient with your wife or your husband, scolding the kids, anxious, unable to cope? Do you go out into the day unprepared, ill-armed, not altogether confident of what lies ahead of you?

The reason is simple: you do not begin your day aright. Take a lesson from David: "In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice." The first thing David did each morning was to lift his voice to the LORD. His first words of the day were addressed to God, not to man.

He goes on, "In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." What a wise way to begin the day! Lift your voice to God in prayer. Lay your requests before Him. Set out before Him the things you are going to have to do that day. Commit to Him the problems, the difficulties you anticipate. Submit your decisions to Him. Then, like David, you will be able to wait in expectation. You will go out to meet the day fully armed, confidently expecting the answers to those prayers that you laid before God in the morning.

There is a Greek proverb that says, "The beginning is half of the whole." Certainly that is true of making our way through each day. The way we begin determines nearly all that is to follow. Seldom will the day's end be more blessed than its beginning. So begin each day by letting God hear your voice.

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