**SERMON NOTES**

**Psalm 4 is a prayer of trust in God in the midst of difficulty**

* Focuses on those who want to attack his reputation (not his body as in Psalm 3)
* Gradually moves from a place of anxiety to assurance

**Three things about David’s Trust in God**

1. **The Reason for his trust in God (vs 1)**
2. **The Resistance to his trust in God (vs 2-5)**
3. **The Results of his trust in God (vs 6-8)**
4. **The Reason for his trust in God (vs 1)**
   1. David comes before God in full dependence upon him!
   2. Not asking for God to hear him…but for God to act!
   3. He’s trusting in God for 2 reasons:
      1. **Because of who God is**
         * “God of my righteousness” – he is the source of all righteousness
         * **Jer. 23:6 –** Christ is called “the LORD is our Righteousness”
         * Since himself is righteous/just…he will do what is right
         * But he also gives righteous to us…we’re righteous in Christ…therefore, why would he ever leave us???
      2. **Because of what God has done for him in the past**
         * He is remembering God’s faithfulness and mercies in the past
         * Young Literal Translation = “In adversity you gave enlargement to me”
         * God made room for David in the pressure of his circumstance
5. **The Resistance to his trust in God (vs 2-5)**
   1. David questions why these men resist him and slander his name when their efforts are futile (compare Psalm 2:1 = why do the nations rage?)
   2. Why do they do this when it is clear that God makes a distinction between his people and the world (ex. Children of Israel in Egypt)
   3. They should be angry at him but not sin in their rebellion
   4. They should give proper worship to God (not lip service) and repent & trust in him
6. **The Results of his trust in God (vs 6-8)** 
   1. The wicked say, “who will show us some good” = they want material possessions
   2. David responds that what is truly good comes from the presence of God in his life
   3. He has the Aaronic prayer of blessings from **Numbers 6** in mind here *“The Lord bless you and keep you…make his face shine on and give peace.”*
   4. He knows that when God’s face is toward him, he has all the “good” he will ever need.
   5. The result = joy and gladness in the heart…even in the midst of adversity…we have “more” joy than all the world!
   6. The things of the world will come and go…but the presence of God in the life of the believer will remain forever.
   7. With this joy in God and trust in his protection…David sleeps in peace!
   8. Take away = No one should get better sleep than Christians!!