"From Lamentation to Loving the Lord"

Psalm 5:1-12 (NIV)

- I. A Lament is Not a Complaint
 - a. Complaining is selfish grumbling against God
 - b. Lamenting is bemoaning sin along with God
- II. Waking Thoughts of God (vv. 1-3)
 - a. What are your first thoughts in the morning?
 - b. What is your first prayer in the morning?
- III. Not All are Welcomed by God (vv. 4-6)
 - a. The wicked, evil, and arrogant wrongdoers
 - b. Liars, bloodthirsty, deceitful
- IV. But by God's Great Love (vv. 7-8)
 - a. We can come into His house
 - b. We can bow down to Him in reverence
 - c. He leads us in His righteousness
- V. A Righteous Lament and Cry for Justice (vv. 9-10)
 - a. Discerning lies and malice (consider the source)
 - b. Calling on God to judge the wicked
- VI. Rejoice in the Lord! (vv. 11-12)
 - a. From groaning to gladness
 - b. From sadness to singing
 - c. From lamenting to loving
 - d. From being bothered to being blessed
- VII. <u>Seeing Jesus in Psalm 5</u>
 - a. Your King (v. 2)
 - b. Your righteousness (v. 12)