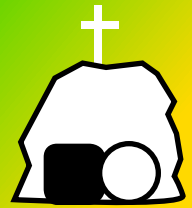


Studying the Psalms



Name _____ Date _____

1. Who will fight David's enemies? (*Circle the answer*)

David will God will

2. Who has David done wrong?

Himself God His enemy

3. What is David asking God to judge?

His own righteousness His enemy

4. What will the wicked do?

They put on a play They fall into their own pit They fight all the time

5. What does David do?

He defeats his enemies in the name of the Lord He sings praise to the Lord

We don't know who this Cush the Benjamite is. From reading the Psalm, what can you determine?

A. He is David's best friend.

B. He accused David of foul play.

C. He was a stinky guy who stunk real bad.

Draw a picture of what you think best represents this Psalm.

Righteousness in God

In verse 6, David calls upon the Judgement of the Lord. In verse 8, David is asking God to judge him according to his own righteousness. How many of you would have the guts to do the same? We want mercy and grace! But let's take a look at what God calls righteous.

Judgement: Getting what you deserve
Mercy: Not getting what you deserve
Grace: Getting what you don't deserve

Go to Blueletterbible.org and look up Righteousness. There is a rule when studying the Bible called the Rule of First Mention. When a word appears in the Bible for the first time, the context of that first mention sets the tone for the meaning of that word throughout the rest of the text.

When does the word "righteousness" first appear in Scripture? _____:_____

What did that person do to have righteousness accounted to him? _____

This first mentioned is referred to later by James in James 2:23. Read that verse and the surrounding verses and write down what point James is making.

So how do you obtain righteousness in the eyes of God?

PRAY - READ - PRAY - ASK - PRAY - LISTEN - PRAY - OBEY - PRAY