

Problem: as slothful, distracted sinners, we do not rely on The LORD as we should.

Solution: keep the priority and habit of praying in the morning. (v.3)

Why?

Because The LORD our king will hear our voices. (v.1-5)

We pray with urgency.

We pray with persistence.

We pray expectantly.

Because without God's lovingkindness, we would be destroyed! (v.6-10)

Because those who take refuge in The LORD, never cease to rejoice! (v.11-12)

Applying the teaching of the Word to ourselves:

1. Read Mark 1:35, "...and rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed." What Jesus' pattern of praying in the morning? Matthew 11:29, "take My yoke upon you and learn from Me..." Is it possible that there are days that we are burdened and heavy laden because of a lack of praying in the morning, as modeled and taught by Jesus?
2. Name some things for which you might get up early. Read John 15:7, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." Is it worth getting up early for limitless answers to prayer?
3. How can praying in the morning teach you to pray with urgency, persistence, and with an expectant spirit?