

"A MEDITATION FOR THE NEW YEAR"

PSALM 4:5-8

I. GOD WOULD COUNSEL US IN THIS NEW YEAR ABOUT OUR NEED TO OFFER HIM A SPECIFIC KIND OF SACRIFICE (4:5a)

- A. Not the Ceremonial Offerings Associated With O.T. Law
- B. Righteous Conduct That Inherently Involves Sacrifice

II. GOD WOULD COUNSEL US IN THIS NEW YEAR ABOUT OUR NEED TO TRUST HIM FOR A GOOD OUTCOME (4:5b-8)

- A. Worldly Men Never Figure This Into The Equation When It Comes To Making Hard Decisions About Life And Fellowship With God
- B. Worldly Men Will Always Be Available To Question These Hard Decisions That Must Be Made (4:6a)
 - 1. A Lesson from Israel's History
 - a. Consider The Speech Of Rabshakeh As Case In Point (II Kings 18)
 - b. Consider Isaiah's Good Advice To Hezekiah (II Kings 19)
 - 2. A Lesson From The Experience Of David
 - a. Consider How God Would Delight To Show You The Light Of His Countenance (4:6b)
 - b. Consider The Gladness Of Heart As You Daily Experience God Meeting Your Need (4:7)
 - c. Consider How God Is The Only One who Can Make You Dwell In Safety (4:8)