

“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) vs. 19-37

b. Consider Isaiah's Good Advice To Hezekiah (II Kings 19) vs. 6-14

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)