

**“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)**