

“A Hearing with the Lord”

Text: Psalm 28

Scripture reading: Luke 18:1-17

I. Pleading... – vv. 1-2

A) ...with persistence – vs. 1

B) ...in dependence – vs. 1

C) ...for mercy – vs. 2

II. Petitioning... – vv. 3-5

A) ...for justice

B) ...for protection

C) ...against evil

III. Praising... – vv. 6-9

A) ...through contemplation

B) ...in response

C) ...from resting

“God’s Word must be the guide of your desires and the ground of your expectations in prayer; nor can you expect that He should give a gracious ear to what you say to Him if you turn a deaf ear to what He saith to you.”

– Matthew Henry

SERMON QUOTES:

I. Pleading...

C) ... for mercy

Charles Spurgeon,

“We stretch out empty hands, for we are beggars; we often lift them up, for we seek heavenly supplies; we lift them towards the mercy seat of Jesus, for there our expectation dwells. O that whenever we use devout gestures, we may possess contrite hearts, and so speed well with God.”

II. Petitioning...

B) ...for protection

James M. Boice,

“David is aware that in himself he is able to behave exactly like the wicked. He knows that anything any other sinner is capable of doing, he too is capable of doing.”

III. Praising...

B) ...in response

Charles Spurgeon,

“Saints are full of benedictions; they are a blessed people, and a blessing people; but they give their best blessings, the fat of their sacrifices, to their glorious Lord. ...God’s mercy is not such an inconsiderable thing that we may safely venture to receive it without so much as thanks. We should shun ingratitude, and live daily in the heavenly atmosphere of thankful love.”