

PSALM 62 – A Calm Resolve to Wait for the Salvation of God!

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I WAITED FOR THE LORD ON HIGH Song by Petra Maranatha Singers (3:09)

I waited For the Lord on high I waited And He heard my cry (2x)

He pulled me out of my despair He showed me how to walk

From fear into security From quicksand to the Rock

I waited For the Lord on high I waited And He heard my cry

I sing to let the people know That I have been restored

And they will kneel and understand To return and trust in the Lord

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He pulled me out of my despair He told me how to walk

From fear into security From quicksand to the Rock

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And there's a new song In my heart to sing

There's a new song Praises for the King I waited.

I waited For the Lord on high I waited And He heard my cry

PSALM 62 -

- Let's turn to the sixty-second psalm. It is thought that psalms sixty-one, sixty-two sixty-three and possibly even sixty-four all have their roots in the time when David was fleeing from Absalom. That at the time that Absalom had come with the troops and taken Jerusalem and David was forced to flee to the wilderness and his future was certainly in doubt. That difficult time of David's life is what gave birth to these psalms sixty-one, sixty-two, three and four.

PSALM 62 - To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

My Soul Waits for God Alone

Psa 62:1 Truly (only) my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.

- David was driven from the capital from his home. The forces that had aligned themselves against David were exceedingly strong and powerful. David said, "Truly (only) my soul waited" and in the Hebrew it is "only upon God: from him comes my salvation"
- As David has been driven from the throne his declaration of his trust in God.
- It is an important thing for us to learn the secret of waiting upon God. Yet I think that this is one of the most difficult lessons that we have to learn. If you find a problem waiting upon God, don't worry you're not alone. That has been a problem of man through the ages. It is probably even more difficult to wait upon God when we understand the purpose of God, to wait for God to fulfill his purposes in our lives. It seems that God always moves more slowly than we would like for him to move.

Psa 62:2 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

- The rock is an interesting figure of speech that is used of God throughout the Bible. Way back in the book of Deuteronomy the idea of God as a rock is introduced. In the song of Moses, Deuteronomy thirty-two declares concerning the heathen around them that their rock or their gods are not like our rock the true and the living God.

- Nebuchadnezzar had his vision or his dream of the future world governing empires that were represented in a statue of various metals. It began with a head of gold downward to the shoulders and chest of silver to the stomach of brass with the legs of iron and the feet of iron and clay. As the Lord interpreted that vision he declared that Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom was the head of gold, but it was to be replaced by an inferior kingdom which we know to be the Medo Persian Empire which were the shoulders and chest of silver. They in turn would be destroyed by the Grecian Empire, the stomach of brass, which would be crushed by the Roman Empire, the legs of iron. Those portions of the vision have all been literally fulfilled in history.
- There remained one portion of that image that is not yet fulfilled. Since the Roman Empire, there has not been a world governing empire. There it shall arise out of Europe feet with the ten toes of iron and clay. The ten kingdoms of Europe that would join together in a confederacy. Interesting, prophesized by Daniel twenty-five hundred years ago. Now the European community has announced that nineteen ninety-two will be the year in which they take down the borders within Europe. There will be free transfer and access within the borders of Europe in nineteen ninety-two.
- The Lord, in the dream, he saw this rock that was not cut with hands, that it wasn't a human. It smote the great image in the feet so that the whole image crumbled, and the rock grew into a mountain that filled the earth. As Daniel interpreted the dream he said, "In the time of the ten kings, [the toes of the feet] shall the Lord of heaven come [the rock not cut with hands] and shall establish a kingdom that shall never end" grow into a mountain to cover the earth. That rock, of course, we know is Jesus Christ and the second coming of Christ in the establishing of God's kingdom upon the earth.
- Surely we are getting close to that time as we see nineteen ninety-two being established as the date for the full establishment of the European community. Something that they have been working towards and now has finally established a date. They expect that by the end of this millennia, by the year two thousand, that they will also have a European currency for making an easier transferring back and forth within the European community. You won't have to exchange your German marks for France's franks. They will just have a common currency that will be current in each of the nations of the European community. Moving very rapidly in that direction. The rock, not cut with hands, the second coming of Christ.
- ***He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.*** That word defense there in Hebrew is high tower or stronghold. I have found that the Bible promises that "no weapon that is formed against you will prosper, this is the heritage of the children of the Lord". I've had people come to me because they were worried because someone into Satanism has put a hex on them or a curse on them and they were concerned about that. I just said, "Hey no problem. The Bible says, No weapon that is formed against you will prosper, this is the heritage of the children of the Lord".
- I have found that God is a great defender of his people. I have found that if you seek to defend yourself the Lord will let you but if you will just trust in him, he will defend you.
- There had been a lot of churches who have unfortunately been hurt because the Pastor had sought to defend himself against charges that where being made. I have seen Pastors just really rip their church apart in their trying to defend themselves against certain accusations. It's better to let the Lord defend you, "He is my defense" In Hebrew it is "He only is my defense".
- David said, "I shall not be greatly moved". I love this because as David is developing his own thoughts in this realm. By the time he gets to verse six, he says pretty much the very same thing. It's almost word for word the same as verse two.

Psa 62:3 How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

- In other words, he was talking about how they are seeking to slay him. They slay David. They looked at David as a wall that is bulging out and about ready to fall.
- ***You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.*** David is on the run, and they were expecting to kill him, to wipe him out.

Psa 62:4 They only consult to cast him down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly. Selah

- *They only consult to cast him down.* That's their determination of their counsel is to kill David.

Psa 62:5 My soul, wait silently for God alone (only), For my expectation is from Him.

- Now he commands himself and David often did this. *My soul*. "Why art thou cast down O my soul? Hope thou in God" he said.
- *My soul, wait thou only upon God;* Don't try to take things into your own hands. That's the natural thing for us to do. When we are really pressed by the problems and the troubles are closing in we are prone to just say, "I've got to take things in my own hands here".

Psa 62:6 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.

- Only one word is changed and that is the word greatly. His faith is growing. In the beginning as he is considering this and resting in the Lord, looking to him for defense and help and salvation, "I won't be greatly moved". He might move me but not far. As he continues to meditate upon this, his faith grows so he repeats the same thing only he moves out that greatly and says, "I shall not be moved" because God is my defense. Now he talks to those, Absalom, Ahithophel and those that have conspired against him.

Psa 62:7 In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.

- He is my hiding place, he is my salvation, and he is my glory. You see when you trust completely in the Lord and the Lord delivers, then the glory must go to the Lord. If you've been able to weasel out of it on your own schemes and devices then you're prone to just sort of say, "Ya, I'm pretty shrewd I am" and you learn to trust in yourself. That's dangerous because one day you'll find a place where you won't have the answer. Trusting in the Lord and seeing his salvation then the glory goes to the Lord.

Psa 62:8 Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

- No doubt the people around him were also worried. They were fleeing with David. Their future was uncertain. Now David is encouraging those that have fled with him to trust in the Lord and pour out your heart to him "God is a refuge for us"

Psa 62:9 Surely (only) men of low degree are a vapor, Men of high degree are a lie; If they are weighed on the scales, They are altogether lighter than vapor.

- *Surely* - As far as defense, God is our salvation and God is our defense and God is our refuge.
- *Men of low degree are a vapor.* They won't be able to help us.
- *Men of high degree are a lie:* They are an illusion.
- *If they are weighed on the scales, They are altogether lighter than vapor.* The balance goes up, they are altogether lighter than emptiness. We look at man in their vain display of glory. We are sort of taught to idolize people. Hollywood has a tremendous way of creating gods, people to be worshiped. These people have a clever way of carrying off their positions. The way they come into a room, the way they approach other people, they just have that kind of air of "here I am you lucky people". Their whole affectations, falsity of their whole lives, it's all a big front, it's all a big show, it's all a big act. In fact, it is so much that way that these people lose touch with reality. They really do, they are always on stage, and they are always in this way of the promoting of the image that has been created of them. Those who are of a high degree are a lie, it's a false world.
- That seems to also happen in the social strata. Those who have gained social prominence, those who love to be a part of the society. I have some relatives in that category. They are so phony. I thank the Lord I don't have to be around them very much. Even as a child I could see through their phoniness, "Charles, just how are things?" They could care less. It's that whole phony, phony, phony thing because they have wealth and prominence, and they are on the society pages. They are living a lie, they are not living in reality. People of high degree are a lie, they are phony. They learn to be phony.

- God doesn't see us in the strata of society as we see each other. God sees us all on the same level. God loves us all equally and God loves those phonies just as he loves me. I don't understand it, but he does. The problem is, when they've lost touch with reality it's hard for them to know the love of God or to experience the love of God. How hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of heaven. They don't live in reality. Put them in all into balances the low and the high degree alike and they are less than nothing.
- In Psalm thirty-nine in verse ten or so where David said, "Man at his best estate is altogether nothing". When you've reached the top of the ladder, when you're at your finest, you are altogether nothing. The emptiness of this world and the worldly glory and the worldly honors and the worldly fame.

Psa 62:10 Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.

- They were oppressing David, they had stolen the kingdom from him. Then an important bit of advice.
- *If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.* James tells us that if you desire to be rich you should know that they who are rich fall into diverse temptations that drown men's souls in perdition. The rich man has a lot more temptations than you have. Temptations that destroy their relationship with God. If your riches do increase don't set your heart on them, keep your heart set on the Lord.

Psa 62:11 God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

sa 62:12 Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render (reward) to each one according to his work.

- Power belongs to God and mercy belongs to God. Man neither helps us nor rewards us; God will do both. In him power and grace are eternally resident; our faith should therefore patiently hope and quietly wait, for we shall surely see the salvation of God. All glory be to God only.
- ***For You render to each one according to his work.*** God will be merciful in that day of judgement.

ROCK OF AGES – Augustus Toplady (1740-1778), sung by Ernie Ford (2:39)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; Save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know, These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. In my hand no price I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling

3. While I draw this fleeting breath When my eyes shall close in death. When I rise to worlds unknown, and behold Thee on Thy Throne. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee. Let me hide myself in Thee.

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