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Place All Hope in God!

Scripture: Psalm 62:1-12

Placing all hope in God. Knowing that God is in control allows us to wait patiently for him to rescue us. True relief does not come when the problem is resolved, because more problems are always on the way! True relief comes from an enduring hope in God's ultimate salvation. Only then will all trials be resolved.

In Psalm 62 David began by declaring his great confidence in and trust upon God. It seems to come from a time of trouble, during the days of Absalom's rebellion (2 Samuel 15-18), yet David asks God for nothing. It is full of faith and trust, but has no fear, no despair, and no petition.

In this song David reminds us that God is our salvation, rock, defense, our expectation, our glory, the rock of our strength and refuge. Prayer can release our tensions in times of emotional stress. Trusting God to be our rock, salvation, and defense changes our entire outlook on life. No longer are we held captive by hurtful treatment from others. We are released to follow an unchanging God. And as David's faith in God advances to an unshaken steadfastness, so his joy in God improves into a holy triumph. **Meditation and prayer are blessed means of strengthening faith and hope.** If God be for us, we need not fear what man can do against us. David, having put his confidence in God, foresees the overthrow of his enemies.

Trust not in men of low degree, nor of high degree, nor in oppression and robbery. The men of low degree are willing but have no ability to help and men of high degree, they are ungodly and promise much but perform nothing. They cause you to hope but mock your expectation. Hence, both those who are common and the ungodly rich are lighter than vanity, for they disappoint men who put their trust in them.

Trust in God to guide you when in doubt, to protect you when in danger, to supply you when in want, to strengthen you for every good word and work. We must lay out wants and our wishes before Him, and then patiently submit our wills to His: this is pouring out our hearts. God is a refuge for all, even for as many as will take shelter in Him.

It is tempting to use honor, power, wealth, or prestige to measure people. We may even feel that such people are really getting ahead in life. But on God's scales, these people are a puff of air. Wealth, honor, power, or prestige add nothing to our value in God's eyes, but the faithful work we do for Him has eternal value.

Power belongs to God. He is the origin and source of power. He can punish and destroy. Mercy also belongs to him; and his recompensing the imperfect services of those that believe in Him, blotting out our transgressions for the Redeemer's sake, is a proof of abundant mercy, and encourages us to trust in Him. He is the fountain of mercy. He is Almighty, most merciful and compassionate, assuring man that He will judge the world in righteousness and render to every man according to his work. So, let us trust in his mercy and grace, and abound in his work, expecting mercies from Him alone.

People of God, Place All Hope in God!