

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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The psalms seem to be a personal revelation or journal and prayers of David. We read them and see his life and his fears and hope, his troubles and we can at times make a connection. If you ever thought your life is more complicated than David's was; let me say, he had family problems, physical enemies and though he didn't have mechanical break downs with things; it all comes out about the same –

- How do you handle conflict?

Thank God we didn't have the troubles he faced – but our life has more time left – *you might get to experience the chase and the personal adversaries in the flesh. I am being a bit facetious.* He was a soldier in a physical world. David had the Philistines and Saul and had contention from his troops not to mention his domestic troubles. I am sure he had his innermost conflicts too.

That is where our battles take place. The wandering mind and the invading thoughts seem to be a daily struggle. Ours might be the mental anxiety from social upheaval, inflation, physical maladies, or apprehensions about the future to list a few.

But we have the same God and He is acquainted with all our ways. David's example of trust should encourage us to say "Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with they honour all the day." Ps. 71:8

- David found comfort and strength thinking on his God.

As a matter of fact we have an advantage. We have more scripture to draw from. We have a roof over our heads, food in our pantry, and modern conveniences to make life comfortable. I know those things don't come without a price – but our lot in life should cause us to remember daily the Lord's benefits.

Ps 71:14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

Ps 71:15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.

Ps 71:16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

So how's the roller coaster ride been this past week? You say I would prefer a nice merry go round and a shot at the brass ring. Whether you are racing down a steep rail and hanging on for you life or sitting on a slow carousel, God will take care of you even if you miss the brass ring. That brass ring won't answer the soul's need for peace and rest. Jesus will.

Oh yea, another blessing we have is "the blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

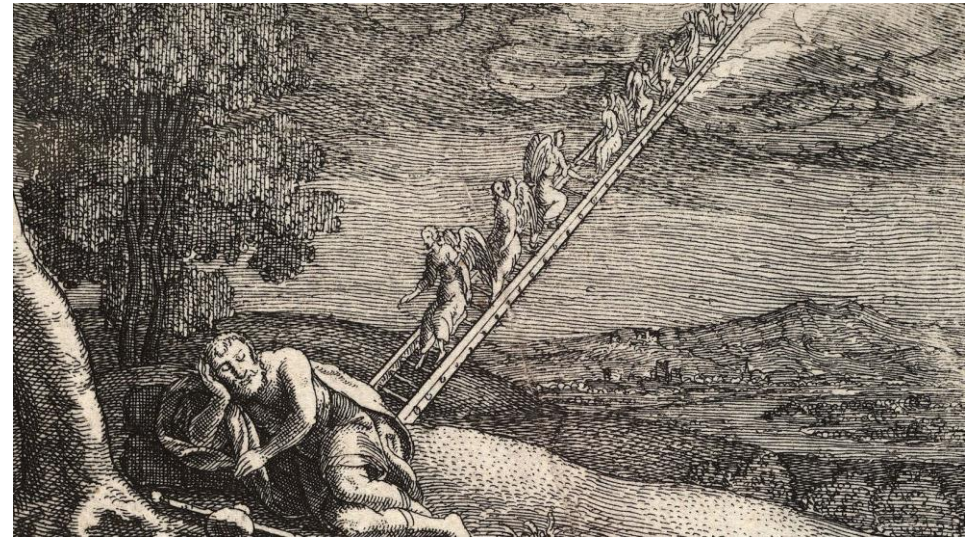
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Ps 71:20 *Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Ps 71:21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

"JACOB AT BETHEL"

Intro. Pinnacle of all life's experiences



- **Danger**
- **Solitude**
- **By a Mediator**
- **God Reveals Himself**
- **God's Promise**

Tonight at 5:00 "Sure Mercies of David – everlasting covenant" Isa. 55

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Pizzo's – Israel