

Prayer of an Old Man for Deliverance

Psalm 71:1-21 (NASB) "In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed. In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; Incline Your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of habitation to which I may continually come; You have given commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man, for You are my hope; O Lord GOD, You are my confidence from my youth. By You I have been sustained from my birth; You are He who took me from my mother's womb; My praise is continually of You. I have become a marvel to many, for You are my strong refuge.

My mouth is filled with Your praise and with Your glory all day long. Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails. For my enemies have spoken against me; And those who watch for my life have consulted together saying, 'God has forsaken him; Pursue and seize him, for there is no one to deliver.' O God, do not be far from me; O my God, hasten to my help! Let those who are adversaries of my soul be ashamed *and* consumed; Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor, who seek to injure me.

But as for me, I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness *and* of Your salvation all day long; For I do not know the sum of *them*. I will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, Yours alone. O God, you have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds.

And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to *this* generation, Your power to all who are to come. For Your righteousness, O God, *reaches* to the

heavens, You who have done great things; O God, who is like You? You who have shown me many troubles and distresses will revive me again and will bring me up again from the depths of the earth. May You increase my greatness and turn to comfort me."

Psalm 63:1-8 (NASB) "O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Thus, I have seen You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips will praise You.

So, I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth offers praises with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches, for You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me."

Psalm 67:1-7 (NASB) "God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us Selah. That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; For You will judge the peoples with uprightness and guide the nations on the earth. Selah. Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him."

--Johnie N. Jenkins