

## Psalms 62

This evening - we're continuing our overview of the Old Testament book titled Psalms.

With this as our focus - let's open our Bibles to Psalms chapter 62 - and as we make our way to the 62nd Psalm...

...I wanna begin by first pointing out that this Psalm was written by King David - for the purpose of corporate praise.

With this as the goal - David gave these lyrics to Jeduthun - who was a Chief Musician of Israel when this Psalm was written.

And you might like to know that - Jeduthun - who's name actually means - praising...

...was one of the leaders of the three temple choirs that David appointed for the sacrificial services.

Now - we aren't given any details - regarding the historical context of when David write this Psalm.

But - there are many commentators who agree with the common supposition...

...that David wrote this Psalm - during the time of Absalom's rebellion.

And one reason for this belief is based on the act that - this Psalm was written...

...after David appointed the Jeduthun - Heman - and Asaph - to lead the three choirs of Israel.

It was three years later - when David fled from Jerusalem...

...in order to escape the coup - of his son  
Absalom.

Well - regardless of when this Psalm was written - what we can say for sure is that - David learned how to stand on the solid Rock of Salvation.

And as we study the lyrics found in this song - it's my hope and prayer...

...that we will all learn how to stand firm upon the solid Rock of  
Salvation - by faith in Jesus Christ.

With this as our focus - let's consider the lyrical content found here in the 62nd Psalm.

Look with me beginning there at verse 1 - where King David writes...

Psa 62:1 To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

Truly my soul silently waits for God;

From Him comes my salvation.

Psa 62:2 He only is my rock and my salvation;

He is my defense;

I shall not be greatly moved.

Here in the beginning of this Psalm - we find King David - describing the way that he was standing firm - upon the solid Rock of Salvation.

And in order to grasp how he remained grounded - in the midst of the trials and troubles of this world...

...we should take a moment to consider the silent patience that he described - there in verse 1.

Notice with me again - where King David declared...

Psa 62:1 Truly my soul silently waits for God;

From Him comes my salvation.

Rather than scrambling in the flesh - in order to save himself...

...David learned how to wait on the salvation of the Lord - with patient silence.

And in this way - he learned how to stand firm - upon the solid Rock of Salvation.

Let's consider again how he put it - there in verse 2 - where King David declared...

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

Here in this verse - we find David - rejoicing in the Rock of his salvation.

I like the way that the scholars who created the New Living Translation rendered this verse - they put it like this...

Psa 62:2 He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress where I will never be shaken.

From this - we can see that those who are standing upon the solid Rock of salvation...

...are able to stand firm in a faith that cannot be shaken.

I like the way that the Lord explained it to the Prophecy Isaiah - it's in Isaiah chapter 28 - verse 16 - where the Lord GOD said...

Isa 28:16 "Look, I have laid a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; the one who believes will be unshakable.

Christian - listen - those who want to stand strong - with an unshakable faith...

...must stand upon the solid rock of salvation - which is the precious cornerstone of Christ Jesus.

You see - those who are standing on the solid rock of salvation - by faith in Jesus Christ...

...will not be greatly moved by the attacks of the enemy.

Let's consider how King David explained it - here in the 62nd Psalm,.

Look with me - beginning there at verse 3 - where David rebuked his enemies by declaring...

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.

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

Here in these verses - we find David - challenging those who were attacking him.

And while King David was filled with a confident faith - as he stood upon the solid rock of salvation...

...he also described his enemy - as a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

I like the way that Robert Young rendered the Hebrew - when he translated verse 3 in this way...

Psa 62:3 Till when do ye devise mischief against a man? Ye are destroyed all of you, As a wall inclined, a hedge that is cast down.

Like a wall that is leaning - and a hedge row that is torn down...

...so too are those who attempt to attack the people of faith - who are safe inside the strong tower of salvation.

And it's for this reason that those who trust in Christ Jesus...

...are able to wait patiently on the salvation of our Savior.

I like the way that David put it back in the 37th Psalm - beginning at verse 1 - David declared...

Psa 37:1 Do not fret because of evildoers,  
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

Psa 37:2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,  
And wither as the green herb.

Psa 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

Psa 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD,  
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Psa 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD,  
Trust also in Him,  
And He shall bring it to pass.

Psa 37:6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
And your justice as the noonday.

Psa 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;  
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,  
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

Rather than worrying about the attacks of the enemy - those who trust in the Lord...

...can rest on the Rock of salvation - as we patiently wait for the Lord's perfect protection.

And listen - this is true - even when we don't know about the attacks...

...that are taking place behind our backs.

Let's consider how King David put it - as he warned us about the lies of those who bless with their mouths - while hating us in their hearts.

Notice with me again - there in verse 4 - where David declared...

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

Here in this verse - we find King David - describing the devious schemes of those...

...who speak words of blessing to your face - - while simultaneously attempting to cast you down.

These are the people who pretend to be your friend...

...while spreading rumors about you behind your back.

I have no doubt that we've all known someone like this - - you know - those who act like they love you when you're face to face.

But the minute you leave - they're the one' starting rumors - and spreading them like a wildfire in a dry forest.

And if this is the sort of situation that has shaken your faith - then I encourage you to remember that...

...the Lord has promised to bless those who are reviled and persecuted...

...for the sake of our Savior.

Let's consider how the Lord Jesus put it - in the sermon on the mount - it's in Matthew chapter 5 - beginning at verse 10 where He declared...

Mat 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Mat 5:12 “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Christian - listen - there are going to be times - when people criticize our Christian faith - behind our backs.

And there will be times when the falsely accuse us - when we aren't around.

And it's sad to say that there are many Christians who allow the fear of these attacks...

...to stop them from sharing their faith with others.

If this sounds like something you struggle with - then I want to assure you that...

...we don't need to worry about those who pretend to be our friends to our face...

...while simultaneously spreading lies about us behind our backs.

And we don't need to be emotionally moved with concern...

...as we try to defend ourselves.

Nope - we can simply commit these concerns into the hands of the Lord...

...as we patiently wait for Him to defend us - according to His perfect protection.

Let's consider the way that King David explained it - here in the 62nd Psalm.

Look with me - beginning there at verse 5 - where he declared...

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

Psa 62:6 He only is my rock and my salvation;  
He is my defense;  
I shall not be moved.  
Psa 62:7 In God is my salvation and my glory;  
The rock of my strength,  
And my refuge, is in God.  
Psa 62:8 Trust in Him at all times, you people;  
Pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us. Selah

Here in these verses - we find King David - continuing to describe the Lord as the solid rock of salvation.

And while it's true that he was dealing with a difficult dilemma - as his enemies continued to consult against him...

...King Davis learned how to patiently wait for the salvation of the Lord.

We should also notice that - David didn't wonder - IF - no instead - it was a question of when?

Let's consider again how he put it - there in verse 5 - where David declared...

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

In other words - David was patiently waiting for the Lord - with a confident expectation that God would save him.

And in this way - David's faith in God filled his heart with hope.

I like the way that Paul shared a similar perspective in Philippians chapter 1 - where he declared...

Phl 1:19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,



Phl 1:20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

Phl 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Rather than living in fear of the future - those who stand on the solid rock of salvation...

...will have the hope that helps us to see that Christ will be magnified in our lives...

...whether by life or by death.

Let's consider how this faith - enabled David to rest in the security of salvation - look with me again - there at verse 6 - where he declared...

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

Now - that's word - defense - can also be rendered - refuge - or retreat.

The same Hebrew word can also be rendered - stronghold.

And that's how this word is rendered in the 18th Psalm - where David declared...

Psa 18:2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psa 18:3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Here in these verses - we find David using the same Hebrew word...

...which in this case was translated - stronghold

With all of this in mind - we can see that the rock of salvation is not only a solid foundation upon which we stand...

...but - the rock of salvation is also a stronghold - IN which we are saved from certain destruction.

And as we consider how David hid in the refuge of the Rock...

...I can't help but to consider the way that Moses also hid in the cleft of the rock.

I'm referring to the day when Moses asked the Lord to show him His glory.

It's in Exodus chapter 33 - where the Lord responded to this request by declaring...

Exo 33:19 "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

Exo 33:20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

Exo 33:21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

Exo 33:22 "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.

Exo 33:23 "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

As we consider this account - we can see how God protected Moses from his overwhelming glory...

...by placing him upon the rock - and then - the Lord hid Moses in the cleft of the rock...

...so that he could connect with our almighty God.

Now - as we consider how Jesus is the rock of salvation - it seems to me that...

...this is an incredible picture of the way in which the lives of those who trust in Jesus...

...are hidden in the cleft of the rock - - and it's there where the Lord preserves us in Him.

I like the way that Paul put it in Colossians chapter 3 - it's verses 1 thru 4 - where he declared...

Col 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Christian - listen - whatever is happening in your life - you can rest assured that...

...your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Therefore - you can rest in the refuge of our Rock.

I like the way that King David put it - here in the 62nd Psalm - it's verse 7 where he declared...

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

IN God - we find Salvation - because - He is the Rock of refuge.

That word - Refuge - was translated from a Hebrew word which was used in reference to a shelter from the storm.

This is the same word that David used in the 61st Psalm - where he declared...

Psa 61:2 From the end of the earth I will cry to You,  
When my heart is overwhelmed;  
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Psa 61:3 For You have been a shelter for me,  
A strong tower from the enemy.

Psa 61:4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever;  
I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah

The rock of Salvation is not only a solid foundation - that gives us the strength to stand...

...but - the rock of salvation is also shelter of refuge that protects us from the storm.

It's for this reason that king David directed his audience...

...to trust in the Lord at all times.

Let's consider how he put it - here in the 62nd Psalm - look with me again there at verse 8 - where David declared...

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

If it's true that your life is truly hidden in the Rock of salvation - - then it's also true that you can trust in Him at all times.

And while I realize that there are times when our flesh will lead us to question the protection of the Lord...

...I encourage you to remember that - for the born-again believer - to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

At the same time - we can rejoice in knowing that the Rock of our salvation...

...is the same Rock - Who provided water for the children of Israel - in the wilderness.

Let's consider how Paul put it - in 1st Corinthians 10 - where he declared...

1Co 10:1      Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,

1Co 10:2      all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

1Co 10:3      all ate the same spiritual food,

1Co 10:4      and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

The Rock that provided the children of Israel with water in the wilderness...

...was some sort of preincarnate manifestation of our Messiah.

As we consider the way the Lord provided water from a Rock - which was Christ...

...we should ask - what can't He do for those who trust in Him.

With this question in mind - we should consider how King David encouraged his audience to trust in the Lord - rather than in the wealth of this world.

With this as our focus - let's pick up our study of the 62nd Psalm - beginning there at verse 9 - where David declared...

Psa 62:9      Surely 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.  
Psa 62:10 Do not trust in oppression,  
Nor vainly hope in robbery;  
If riches increase,  
Do not set your heart on them.

Regardless of which class of society we belong to - - our lives are like a vapor of smoke.

I like the way that James put it - in the fourth chapter of his epistle - where he declared...

Jas 4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";

Jas 4:14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

When we consider the length of our life here on Earth - in light of eternity future...

...we come to understand that the years we spend here in this is like a vapor of smoke.

And it's for this reason that King David encouraged us to realize that...

...those who trust in the wealth of the world - have no hope at all.

Let's consider how King Solomon explained it - in Proverbs chapter 23 - beginning at verse 4 - he declared...

Pro 23:4 Do not overwork to be rich;

Because of your own understanding, cease!

Pro 23:5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not?

For riches certainly make themselves wings;

They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.

Christian - listen - if you're trusting in the wealth of this world...

...then - what will you do when your investments tank?

If you're trusting in the wealth of this world - what will you do when the U.S. suffers full-scale economic collapse?

If you're trusting in the wealth of this world - what will you do...

...on the day you give an account of your life before the Lord?

With these questions in mind - let's consider the instructions that Paul presented in 1st Timothy chapter 6 - where he declared...

1Ti 6:17     Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

1Ti 6:18     Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

1Ti 6:19     storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Rather than trusting in uncertain riches - - we should instead trust in the living God.

And one way that we demonstrate this trust in the Lord - is by realizing that...

...we are stewards of the money that He has committed to our care.

Therefore - we should prayerfully support the work of the ministry here at our church...

...with the financial offerings that the Lord is leading us to give.

Not only that - but - those who truly trust in the Lord - will also spend time serving our Savior.

Let's consider how King David explained it - here in the 62nd Psalm - look with me - beginning there at verse 11 - where he declared...

Psa 62:11 God has spoken once,  
Twice I have heard this:

That power belongs to God.

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

Here in the final verses of this Psalm - we find King David - rejoicing in the rock of salvation...

...and he did this by rejoicing in the fact that - all power belongs to God...

...and not only that - but - mercy also belongs to the Lord.

And what this means is that - the Rock of our salvation not only has the power to save...

...but - His is also a merciful Messiah - Who actually wants to save us.

Think about that for a moment - - if God was all-powerful - - and at the same time - UNmerciful...

...then - he would simply use His power to punish every sinner - which includes all of us.

Conversely - if God was Merciful - - and yet - didn't have the power to save...

...then - He would have the heart to save us - and yet - He would be powerless to save.

Thankfully for us - He is both - all-powerful - - and at the same time - He is also merciful.



Therefore - those who trust in Him - can stand strong on the rock of Salvation.

We should also notice what King David said - there at the end of verse 12 where he declared...

Psa 62:12b You render to each one according to his work.

In other words - the Rock of our Salvation - also has a plan to reward those - who serve Him.

This reminds me of the statement that Jesus made - in Revelation 22 - - it's verse 12 and 13 - where He declared...

Rev 22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.  
Rev 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Christian - listen - there's coming a day when those who placed their faith in the Rock of salvation...

...will receive everlasting rewards - for the time we spent serving our Savior.

And what this means is that - it's not only foolish to trust in the uncertain riches of this world...

...the Christian who fails to serve our Savior - is also failing to store up riches in heaven.

I like the way that Jesus explained it - in Matthew chapter 6 - it's verses 19 thru 21 - where He declared...

Mat 6:19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

Mat 6:20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Mat 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Rather than investing our lives entirely in this world - - which will be gone before too long...

...we'll do well to realize that - the treasure that we store up here on Earth - will also burn up in the fire.

Conversely - the treasure that we store up in heaven - through the way we invest our lives in the kingdom of God...

...will be transferred into eternal wealth - that we will enjoy for the rest of eternity.

With that being the case - I encourage every Christian to realize that...

...those who are standing on the solid Rock of salvation - will not only enjoy the refuge - and the rest of our Redeemer...

...but - we can also look forward to the rewards that we will receive...

...for the ways we served the One Who is powerful - and merciful to save.