



Psalms for Life

Sermon: "I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love." Psalm 31:7

Daily Reading: Psalms 29-35 (August 29-September 4)

Memory Verses:

"I will delight in the law of the Lord and on his law I will meditate day and night."
Psalm 1:2

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."
Psalm 9:1

"I will set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken."
Psalm 16:8

"I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: I will fear no evil."
Psalm 22:22, 23:41

"I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love."
Psalm 31:7

Last week we considered - *My God My God why have you forsaken me.* (Psalm 22:1)
This week we focus on - *My God My God rescue me speedily from the hand my enemies* (Psalm 31)

Phrases in Psalm 31 identifying adversaries and attacks

1. **the net they have hidden for me** verse 4
2. **the hand of the enemy** verse 8
3. **all my adversaries** verse 11
4. **the whispering of many**—
5. **they plot to take my life.** verse 13
6. **the hand of my enemies and my persecutors** verse 15
7. **lying lips** verse 18
8. **plots of men** verse 20

Read: Psalm 31

1. Adversaries

2. Rescue Me Speedily

3. For Your Name's Sake You Lead Me and Guide Me

4. I will rejoice and be glad in Your Steadfast Love

"The game of basketball has been everything to me - - my refuge, my place I've always gone when I needed to find comfort and peace." Michael Jordan

We don't need and shouldn't want a soft savior. A savior who caters to our wants. We need a savior who demands our best. Who expects our all out effort. One who leads by example. A savior who disciplines and rewards. Who loves deeply and completely. Who guides us, provides for us and protects us "for His name's sake"!

Life Application Questions

1. Have you ever faced an enemy? What happened? What did you do?
2. Have you ever been bullied? How did you deal with the bully?
3. The scripture repeatedly positions God to protect those whom He loves; those who love and serve Him. (2 Chronicles 20:12 & 17). How does God protect His own?
4. Have you ever experienced the deliverance of God from an adversary? What happened and what did the Lord do? What did you do?
5. How can you help others trust the Lord when they are facing an enemy?
6. What would you say? What scripture would you share? What direction would you give them?
7. What does the phrase "for your name's sake" in Psalm 31:3 mean.
8. Pray: Ask the Lord to direct you in your response to an enemy and to deliver you from any adversary you are facing. Ask for victory for His name's sake. Ask the Lord to guide others you know who are facing an enemy.