

Monday, 12 December 2016

*Psalms 62:7-8*

*On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.*

There's another of those pesky 'all's. "Trust in Him at ALL times." Bother! The LORD is telling me that I can't pick and choose where to trust Him. Perhaps more importantly, He is telling me that I need to trust Him from the beginning of a problem or need, not after I've made a total bollix of the situation, totally run out of options and given up.

"all TIMES" From my rising up to my laying down and in the middle of the night as the "What am I going to do about...?" grab hold and ruin my sleep. He is my salvation, my glory, my mighty rock and my refuge. Hallelujah!

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Tuesday, 13 December 2016

*Psalms 62:9-10*

*Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.*

Man is a will-o-wisp, no matter what his status in in the world's eyes. Bribery and robbery and wealth is also a delusion.

Trust in the LORD at all times, in all things and in all circumstances. Repeat after me, John, until it soaks in.

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Wednesday, 14 December 2016

*Psalms 71:1-5*

*In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.*

This is a statement of the totality of the love and concern of the LORD, God the Almighty. How can I be so self-centered to reject so gracious and generous offer. He has given the

command to save me; I must believe/trust/commit/obey or suffer what I so richly deserve.

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Thursday, 15 December 2016

*Psalms 78:21-22*

*Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob; his anger rose against Israel, because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power.*

There have been a few times in my life where someone has obviously not believed that I could or would deliver on a promise. Often they were right, but in all cases, my pride was hurt. How, could they not trust me? Hmm, demonstrated performance might explain most of their doubts.

Likewise, demonstrated performance explains why the LORD, God the Almighty is worthy of trust. His Word is yea and amen. He has stated unequivocally that He will never leave me nor forsake me.

My distrust does fill Him with wrath that only the Blood of Jesus can protect me from.

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Friday, 16 December 2016

*Psalms 84:9-12*

*Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

LORD, what a comfort to know that You do not withhold any good thing from me when I am walking according to Your Word. I must accept that there are times that I desire something that You do not grant; it can be difficult to accept that sometimes my desires are not in my best interests. Help me to accept that as a major component of trusting You in all things.

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Saturday, 17 December 2016

*Psalms 86:1-3*

**A Prayer of David.** *Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.*

Oh, LORD, there are days when I want to sit in a corner and weep, "Woe is me, I'm a poor little boy with nothing to eat but oatmeal." I am incapable of recognizing the bounty spread before me in the presence of my enemies. Forgive me for unthankfulness and ingratitude. Forgive me for my lack of trust.

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*Lord's Day, 18 December 2016*

*Psalm 119:59*

*When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;*

When I think on **my** ways!!!! It is **my** sin, **my** failings, **my** disobedience that can only be healed by Your grace and mercy, **my** strivings are futile. I must turn to You in repentance and contrition, seeking Your forgiveness and walking according to Your Word. Praise You, my Lord and Master.

# VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*December 12-18, 2016*

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.\*

Voices Together has and continues to be, a very important part of that search. It is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Scriptures as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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\*LORD or LORD, God the Almighty always refers to the Trinitarian God.