

A Strong Refuge in Yahweh

Psalm 71

Trinity Bible Church - Adult Sunday School Class
“The Psalms: From Promise to Praise” – Lesson 13
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Introduction

- ◇ Three building blocks of Israelite poetry
 - ◇ Synonymous and synthetic parallelism
 - ◇ Antithetical parallelism
- ◇ The Psalm's writer
 - ◇ Likely an aged King of Israel
- ◇ Outline
 - ◇ Hoping in the Lord
 - ◇ Trusting in the Lord
 - ◇ Praying to the Lord
 - ◇ Rejoicing in the Lord

Hoping in the Lord's Deliverance

- ◇ The Psalmist's situation: The opposition of evil men
 - ◇ Deliver me from the hand of the wicked (Vs. 4)
- ◇ The Psalmist's hope: Salvation
 - ◇ I will take refuge in the Lord (vs. 1)
 - ◇ I will rely on you as my deliverer (vs. 2)
 - ◇ I will consider you as my fortress and protector (vs. 3)
- ◇ The cause of salvation: The Lord's righteousness

Trusting in the Lord Deliverance

◇ Hope vs. Trust

- ◇ Hope: Expectation and anticipation of something future
- ◇ Trust: An inward reliance or conviction in the certainty of something

◇ A lifetime of trust

- ◇ My trust since my youth (vs. 5)
- ◇ My helper before I knew Him (vs. 6)
- ◇ My fortress in times of distress (vs. 7)

◇ Trust overflowing into praise (vs. 8)

Praying for the Lord's Deliverance

- ◇ The opposition of evil men
 - ◇ They are “watching for his life” (vs. 10, 13)
 - ◇ They have formed a conspiracy to destroy him (vs. 10)
 - ◇ They speak against him (vs. 10-11)
- ◇ The Psalmist's request
 - ◇ Do not forsake me (vs. 9)
 - ◇ Be near to me and quickly come to help me (vs. 12)
 - ◇ Give them the punishment and sentence they intended for me (vs. 13)

Rejoicing in the Lord's Future Deliverance

- ◇ Rejoicing in the coming deliverance
 - ◇ I will praise you more and more (vs. 14)
 - ◇ I will proclaim your righteous deliverance (vs. 15-16)
 - ◇ I will remember and pass on your greatness to the next generation (vs. 17-18)
- ◇ Praise for the Lord's works
 - ◇ You will revive me again (vs. 20)
 - ◇ You will increase my greatness and comfort me (vs. 21)
 - ◇ You will display your faithfulness to me (vs. 22)
 - ◇ You will redeem me and save me (vs. 23)
 - ◇ You will answer my prayer (vs. 24)