

Our faith and praise should expand to acknowledge our first hand experiences that God is in control and directs our path. He has designed a purpose for our life that is amazing if we allow him to direct our ways.

Psalm 62:1-4 KJV

[1] Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. [2] He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. [3] How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence. [4] They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

Things to Remember When We Need Help:

OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN GOD

All things apart from God are temporary and fleeting. If we depend on those things, we will realize they may work for the moment, but ultimately, they won't be the answer. God works on His own timeline. It doesn't mean He ignores our fears, it means that all time is under His control and we would do well to understand this and change our perspective to include this in our faith.

- 1. HE IS MY ROCK
- 2. HE IS MY DEFENSE

Exodus 33:21-22 KJV

[21] And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: [22] And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

Psalm 40:1-2 KJV

[1] I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. [2] He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

Matthew 7:25 KJV

[25] And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

OUR ENEMIES WILL DEAL WITH GOD

Evil doers who cause us pain and hardship are not operating in secret from God. He is fully aware of what's happening to us, sometimes God allows evil to happen to us not so He sees how we will respond, God already knows how we will respond, He allows it to happen so WE will see how we respond. Great wrath will come upon those who cause harm to God's own children. They may take pleasure in their own wickedness at the time, but they are fools to turn God against them and will greatly regret their actions. A life so hell bent on causing harm to others is not a life that will prosper, it will destruct on its own. Our enemies are not necessarily those who criticize us, this can come from God, an enemy will be one who tries to turn us or prevent us from acknowledging God.

Psalm 63:9-10 KJV

[9] But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. [10] They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

Romans 12:19 K. N.

[19] Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

OUR SECURITY COMES FROM GOD

Our own joy and contentment comes from God, it was He who created us, He knows every intricate part of us, He knows what we need and He knows what makes us happy and fulfilled. We think we know what we want but if we don't include God in our plans, even our best efforts to find satisfaction will just be a chasing after the wind. God created us to require Him in our life.

Psalm 62:8 KJV

[8] Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

James 1:6-7 KJV

[6] But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. [7] For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.