

# Psalm 62

**This is a song of trust wherein the Psalmist cannot find words sufficiently powerful and significant to describe the absolute security and unalterable strength of God who is accessible to him.**

**Psalms 62:1-2** [New King James] *“Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.”*

**It is not only from God that comes our salvation, but that God is our salvation.**

This relationship is central to our immediate existence and though as physical, mortal beings we may be slightly displaced by external pressure, we know that we will not be dislodged.

**2 Corinthians 4:7-9** [New King James] *“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed,”*

**Paul reminds us that “although we may feel we are at the end of our rope we are never at the end of hope.”**

**Psalms 62:3-4** [New King James] *“How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, like a leaning wall and a tottering fence. 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”*

**Evil, being ruthlessly competitive, is attracted to weakness, to give whatever is leaning or tottering. It is also attracted to strength, the target of its envy and duplicity, to topple a person from their high position, using lies to accomplish it, disguised by words that seem so good, [2 Samuel 15:2-6].**

**Psalms 62:5-7** [New King James] *“My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.”*

**This is the fundamental principle of David’s life, the onslaught of his enemies [verse 3] need then not be a cause for anxiety, for his salvation rests completely in the Creator God he worships.**

**Psalms 62:8** [New King James] *“Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah”*

**David is also convinced that his loyal people will also be preserved by God if they commit their lives to Him.**

**Psalms 62:9** [New King James] *“Surely men of low degree are a vapour, men of high degree are a lie; if they are weighed on the scales, they are altogether lighter than vapour.”*

**On the other hand, people of whatever social degree, if devoid of faith in God, are devoid of any stability, [Psalms 39:5, 11; James 1:9-11; James 4:14], the point being made is not so much that we have nothing to fear from humans, as that we have nothing to hope in humans, whatever their social standing.**

**Psalms 62:10** [New King James] *“Do not trust in oppression, nor vainly hope in robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.”*

A life of crime and a life centred on obtaining riches are equally perilous, “*set*” indicates an obsession for either.

**1 Timothy 6:17-19** [New King James] *“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. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”*

**Timothy may be alluding to this verse in its careful treatment of the subject.**

**Psalms 62:11-12** [New King James] *“God has spoken once, twice I have heard this: that power belongs to God. Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; for You render to each one according to his work.”*

**This brings us back to solid reality, at two levels, practical and moral, two lessons, two things have been heard and learnt.**

**First** – *“power belongs to God”* casts a light in two directions, the pretended power of human beings, which has just been dismissed and towards the trusting servant who will be reminded both of God’s ability to save and of the earthly power He has delegated to whom He will.

**The second attribute used** – *“mercy”* has its base in what is true and dependable, and is closely linked to covenant keeping, an expression of God’s love for all humanity, also God’s justice that is perfect in every way.

**The outcome of this is that all life is in the hands of the Creator God.**