

Psalm 71

The theme of this Psalm is God's constant help from childhood to old age.

Every human life is a testimony of what God has done for us even if we do not acknowledge His care and guidance.

Psalms 71:1-3 [New King James] *“In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape; incline Your ear to me, and save me. Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.”*

These verses are an almost exact quotation of **Psalms 31:1-3**.

Although the Psalm is anonymous there are Davidic expressions, for example, *“my rock and my fortress,” “my enemies,” “make haste!”*

The writer is old or aging and has seen exceptional trouble and is like a testimony to many other people, [verse 7].

Psalms 71:9 [New King James] *“Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength fails.”*

This verse and verse 18 indicate that he is nearing the end of his physical life, yet he has not given up on his most important work to reach all in his own generation and in measure future generations with the glorious knowledge of what the Creator God has done for him and can for them.

Psalms 71:5-6, 14, 17 [New King James] *“For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth. By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You.” ... “But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more.” ... “O God, You have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works.”*

The very close relationship that the author of this Psalm is expressed that has been constant throughout his life.

The major part of this close relationship with the Creator God was to praise Him for all He had done and was, mostly in the presence of other people.

Psalms 71:8, 14-16, 22-24 [New King James] *“Let my mouth be filled with Your praise and with Your glory all the day.” ... “But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits. I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.” ... “Also with the lute I will praise You, and Your faithfulness, O my God! To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, and my soul, which You have redeemed. My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long; for they are confounded, for they are brought to shame who seek my hurt.”*

The reason behind this constant praise of the Creator God is expressed in the last words of this Psalm “confounded.”

The Hebrew word used is “*bûwsh*” which can be translated “*confused*” by their lack of understand Who and what the Creator God is.

The Psalmist desired that they would eventually be ashamed of their lack of a relationship with the Creator God he worshipped and praised all day long.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 [New King James] *“Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”*

Paul had the same desire as the Psalmist that his words and life would bring the people out of the darkness of ignorance of Who and what Jesus Christ is.

The “god” of this world who had placed this veil of ignorance over the vast majority of human beings is Satan who as yet has world control [1 **John 5:19**] and is a liar and murderer, [**John 8:44**].

Revelation 12:9-10 [New King James] *“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.’”*

Satan has used lies from the time of his first contact with human beings, [Genesis 3:1-6].

The major lie that Satan has indoctrinated humanity with is that of evolution, that tries to show that there is no need for a Creator God.

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