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Psalm 62:5-12 “*Good News Bible*”

Psalm 62:5-12 I depend on God alone; I put my hope in him. He alone protects and saves me; he is my defender, and I shall never be defeated. My salvation and honour depend on God; he is my strong protector; he is my shelter. Trust in God at all times, my people. Tell him all your troubles, for he is our refuge.

Human beings are all like a puff of breath; great and small alike are worthless. Put them on the scales, and they weigh nothing; they are lighter than a mere breath. Don't put your trust in violence; don't hope to gain anything by robbery; even if your riches increase, don't depend on them.

More than once I have heard God say that power belongs to him and that his love is constant. You yourself, O Lord, reward everyone according to their deeds.

Where do you find you refuge?

If only I had some more money, and did not have any worries about my financial welfare for the future. If only all those people making life difficult for me will go away, and stop making my life so miserable. If only all the back-stabbing people will stop interfering in my life, and push to see me come to a fall. If only Satan would stop bringing temptation across my way, life could be so much easier. If only....

We often find ourselves running after those get-rich-quickly scams, and projects, in the hope that we may find some riches as others apparently have found. We find ourselves dreaming about a big lottery pay-out, or getting a massive inheritance from some distant uncle that died, and whom I never knew, for all the relatives I know are as poor as I am. Would it not be nice? We put our trust in gambling, the lottery, on horses, and on scams, or pyramid schemes that promise us a life, just like the one we were dreaming about. And when it becomes obvious that this will not work, some will even consider stealing, or turning to violence to obtain what they want in life. This sound so much like the world we stay in today, but it was the same in the time of King David. Here we find King David writing about the same topic. We find David addressing his people, warning them against putting their trust in money and men to give them the desires of their hearts. He warns them that man will fail you, should you try and put all your faith in them, for no man can weigh up, measured by God.

David knew all too well about people turning against him, and when he needed them, he found himself standing alone. David knew the pains of having people you trust, and loved, now trying to see you either dead or come to a fall. In the few verses preceding our scripture, David wrote about the people that will see him as a bowing wall and a tottering fence, but not seeing these people now rushing to his aid, but pushing to ensure his fall.

Now we see David telling his people that men are not the answer, and that men are not where you will find your refuge. God is. We all know that God saw what was in David's heart, and that David trusted God alone, and for that, David was restored to his throne, and all those who turned against David, were killed. Let us learn from David. Let us turn to God, for it is only God that can help us. In this week to come, we will have many challenges, and we will be in need of help and assistance so many times, but where will we turn? If everything feels like it's going to overwhelm you, where will you run to? My challenge to you, run to God, and experience a miracle this week, for God who loves you will surely never leave you, nor forsake you.

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