

HOPE IN GOD

PSALM
43:5

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Message Title: A Strengthening Hope

Message Text: Psalm 31:19-24

Introduction

David often faced seasons of affliction from his enemies. In these times he was very aware of his desperate need of God's deliverance. What is amazing about many of the Psalms, including this one, is that before he was delivered, David began to rejoice in His God. He also encouraged others saints to look away from their affliction and to God and rejoice. Where did he gather the strength to do that? Today, we will learn how David's hope in God brought about a divine strength to accomplish God's will. This strength is abundantly available to us as well.

OUTLINE OF PSALM 31 *(Mentor)*

1. A Prayer for Deliverence (1-8)
2. A Description of Sorrows (9-18)
3. Praise and Thanksgiving (19-24)

1. A Rejoicing in the _____ of God (19-22)

A. In its Immense _____ (19)

Psalm 31:19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, Which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee Before the sons of men!

DEFINITION—LAID UP: *to store up; to keep or lay aside for future use.*

DEFINITION—WROUGHT: *to do (act)*

Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; And he knoweth them that trust in him.

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QUOTE: Prayer is asking and receiving. —J.R. Rice

Matthew 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

B. In its Impenetrable _____ (20-22)

Psalm 31:20-22 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. 21 Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city. 22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

IN THE SECRET—IN A PAVILION—IN A STRONG CITY

DEFINITION—HIDE/KEEP: *to cover, to envelope, to wrap up*

DEFINITION—KINDNESS: loyal love

NOTE — The word strong refers to being surrounded by an armed force in order to fortify a place and isolate it while continuing to attack.

NOTE — It was in these sheltered places that David experienced the loyal love of God even though at times he struggled with unbelief. (22)

John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

QUOTE: What a hiding-place is the secret of his presence! Have you ever been inside that royal withdrawing-room? God's pavilion is sound-tight; the strife of tongues cannot penetrate.—F.B. Meyer

2. A Revival of _____ for God (23)

A. An _____ Love (23a)

Psalm 31:23 O love the Lord, all ye his saints:

DEFINITION—LOVE: *to cherish; to have a great affection or care for or loyalty towards.*

NOTE — As the self-centeredness of man increases, the less God will be loved.

Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Jude 21–23 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

B. A _____ Love (23a)

Psalm 31:23b ...for the Lord preserveth the faithful, And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

DEFINITION—PRESERVETH: to watch, guard, protect

DEFINITION—REWARDS: to repay; to give recompense for someone's behavior or actions, whether good or bad.

3. A Resolve to _____ in God (24)

NOTE — Hope is a confident expectation in our God to be Who He says He is and do what He says He will do.

A. Act with Good _____ (24a)

Psalm 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, All ye that hope in the Lord.

DEFINITION—COURAGE: to be strong; to be or become strong or powerful beyond the average or expected

QUOTE: Courage is not the lack of fear. It is acting in spite of it. — Mark Twain

QUOTE: Courage isn't having the strength to go on - it is going on when you don't have strength. —Napoleon Bonaparte

QUOTE: Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts. —Winston Churchill

Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Matthew 28:19–20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

B. Expect Divine _____ (24b)

Psalm 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, All ye that hope in the Lord.

DEFINITION—STRENGTHEN: to make strong or stronger; to make courageous

Isaiah 26:3–4 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on thee: Because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the Lord for ever: For in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

HYMN: Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Conclusion—Where is your _____ today?

Psalm 31:9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: Mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly. 10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: My strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

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QUOTE: What a change ensues in the spirit of our life when we look from men and things to God! Do not look at God through circumstances, but at circumstances through God's [surrounding] presence, as through a golden haze.
— F.B. Meyer

