

The Man in the Mirror

Lesson 12: Psalm 71

Upcoming Schedule:

12/24 Psalm 61

12/31 Review

1/7 Roles in the Church

INTRODUCTION

- **Anonymous Psalm**

- Be considering authors as we study

- **Similar beginning as Psalm 31**

“ To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

³ For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; ”

WHAT ARE HIS REQUESTS?

⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. ⁶ Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

⁷ I have been as a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. ⁸ My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day. ⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent. ¹⁰ For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult together ¹¹ and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him."

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WHAT'S HIS CASE FOR THE LORD TO DELIVER?

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WHAT WILL HE DO?

¹⁴ But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. ¹⁵ My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. ¹⁶ With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

¹⁷ O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. ¹⁸ So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

WHAT DOES HE BELIEVE THE LORD WILL DO?

¹⁹ Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? ²⁰ You have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will be me up again. ²¹ You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

WHY WILL HE PRAISE GOD?

²² I will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. ²³ My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed. ²⁴ And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

APPLICATIONS



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THE PSALMIST'S LIFE

- What is the Lord to him? (5)
 - His **hope, trust**
- For how long? (5-6)
 - Since his **youth, birth**
- What does he continually do? (7)
 - **Praise** the Lord

THE PSALMIST'S LIFE

- **What has he been to many B/C of his refuge? (7)**
 - **Portent, wonder, sign**
- **What is his mouth filled with all day? (8)**
 - **Praise and glory**
- **When does he not want to be forsaken? (9)**
 - **Old age and his strength fails**

THE PSALMIST'S PLEA

- **What does he want from his God? (12)**
 - **Not to be far away**
- **What does he want for his accusers? (13)**
 - **Shame, consumed, scorn, disgrace**

THE PSALMIST'S RESOLVE

- **What will he do? (14-16)**
 - **Hope continually (14)**
 - **Praise You more and more (14)**
 - **Tell Your Righteous acts and mighty deeds (15-16)**
 - **Remind them of Your righteousness (17)**

THE PSALMIST'S PLEA

- Don't forsake me in old age with gray hair until... (18)
 - Tells the next generation

THE PSALMIST'S HOPE

- **Though the LORD has caused him to see troubles and calamities. He will also...**
 - **Revive him again (20)**
 - **Increase his greatness (21)**
 - **Comfort him (21)**

THE PSALMIST'S PRAISE

- **Because of the LORD's**
 - **Faithfulness (22)**
 - **Holiness (22)**
 - **Redemption (23)**
 - **Righteous help (24)**