

**SBC – March 16, 2025**

**Psalm 62 (NKJV)**

**“Waiting On God”**

Psalm 62 is another Psalm of David. David was dealing with treason, but the exact occasion is not spelled out. Tradition suggests it may have been concerning the rebellion of his son Absalom – but that is not certain.

The superscription reads...

**Psalm 62 (NKJV)**

**To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.**

The Chief Musician is thought by some to refer to the LORD Himself. In that case, David would be dedicating this Psalm to the Lord. But more probably it is addressed to the leader of choirs in the time of David (cf. 1 Chron. 16:41; 25:1-3). Jeduthun is thought to perhaps be another name for Ethan, which is also found in the titles of Psalm 39, and 77. He was one of the musicians appointed by David to lead Israel in worship (cf. 1 Chron. 16:41; 25:1-3).

### **Slide # 1**

**Psalm 62**

***“Waiting on God”***

- vv. 1-2 Waiting upon God
- vv. 3-4 Confronting Treasonous Adversaries
- vv. 5-8 Trusting in God Alone
- vv. 9-10 What to NOT Trust In
- vv. 11-12 Power and Mercy Belong to God

**1 Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.**

The word “truly” can also be translated as “only” or “alone”.

### **Slide # 2**

**Psalm 62:1 (ESV)**

**1 For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.**

[Literally it reads] “Only to God is my soul silence.”

– ***The Bible Knowledge Commentary***

Some form of the word “only” or “alone” is found four times in the first 6 verses.

This theme of waiting on God ALONE is prominent in this Psalm.

No Psalm surpasses it in its expression of simple trust in God.  
– *NIV Study Bible*

The picture is of a soul in repose waiting on God for deliverance.

David begins this Psalm by declaring that he is resting in God in the face of treasonous threats.

**2 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.**

David emphasized that God ONLY was his ROCK, his SALVATION, and his DEFENSE.

His rock was a place of unshakable security.

His salvation means his deliverance.

His defense (means fortress) - a place of protection.

As warriors used to feel at ease in an impregnable fortress, so David rested in the Lord. – *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

Because of Who God was to him, David affirmed that he would not be greatly moved.

**3 How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.**

Here, David addresses his adversaries. The sense is that they just won't let up. But David sees their day is coming when they will all be killed. David has no doubt – they are going DOWN! David was quietly waiting in faith on God but He believed God was going to take out these enemies.

How to understand the last part of the verse is debated.

Either David was saying his adversaries thought he was weak and vulnerable like a leaning wall and tottering fence, or that he was saying they were actually in that position even though they were attacking him.

I would tend to think David is reflecting what his adversaries were saying about him because of what he goes on to say in verse 4.

**4 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**

In their conversation, all they can talk about is how they plan to bring David down from his high position – evidently from his throne. This was a conspiracy to overthrow king David. This is why some think the revolt of Absalom may well be in view.

This has the feel of conspiracy and treason.

### **Slide # 3**

#### **2 Samuel 15:6 (NKJV)**

**6** In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So **Absalom stole the hearts** of the men of Israel.

Whatever the exact scenario, people were blessing David with their mouth, but inwardly they were cursing him. They were total hypocrites. They were “two-faced” – and David saw right through them.

While pretending loyalty, they were plotting treachery.

– ***William MacDonald***

**5 My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.**

Even though David mentions his treacherous adversaries and their “two-faced” evil ways, his major focus in this Psalm is on God. He continually focuses on God and resting in Him.

David has learned to wait silently upon God and gives himself a talking to – to that end, here in verse 5. In verse one David resolves to wait silently on God ALONE, but in verse 5 he tells himself to stay the course and renews his mind with the fact that his expectation (or hope) is from God.

Sometimes we need to talk to ourselves. We need to remind ourselves that our focus must remain on God and the reason why.

**Many times** I have heard people say something like: I had to give myself a little talk in terms of my focus. We are all human. We constantly have to work at staying focused.

“Expectation” here is the idea of “expectant faith.” David is depending on and waiting on God for deliverance.

Someone has well said that silently waiting on God is the antidote to despair.

**6 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.**

This is almost a duplication of verse 2. The only difference is that in verse 2 he said, “I shall not be greatly moved”, whereas here in verse 6 he says, “I shall not be moved” at all.

The more he focuses on God, the more assured he is that with God he is secure and safe.

The greater the realization that God was his fortress, the greater the calmness in his heart. -**Warren Wiersbe**

**7 In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.**

Note how personalized David is in his view of God.

**Slide # 4**

- v. 6 my rock
- v. 6 my salvation
- v. 6 my defense
- v. 7 my salvation
- v. 7 my glory
- v. 7 my strength
- v. 7 my refuge

With resolve to trust in God ALONE David now exhorts those who are with him to also trust in God.

## **8 Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah**

The time is always right to trust in the Lord. Along with trusting in God David calls on God's people to pour out their heart before Him.

David practiced this and so should we. Many times we just need to pour it all out before God – our sorrows, our fears, our doubts – whatever we are going through – we just need to pour it all out before God. Trust and pouring out our heart go together.

### **Slide # 5**

#### **1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV)**

**7** casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

We can pour out our hearts, realizing God cares for us and that He is a refuge for us – meaning He is our shelter from danger.

He welcomes the poured-out heart as the cities of refuge welcomed the hunted man in ancient Israel. – **David Guzik**

The emphasis in this Psalm is quietly waiting on God in faith - but at the same time pouring out our hearts to Him. It not always easy to wait silently – certainly not for people of action. We like to do something about the situation – but sometimes we just need to quietly wait upon God.

God's delays are not God's denials, but our impatience can be used by the devil to lead us on dangerous destructive detours.

– **Warren Wiersbe**

But note it carefully, silently waiting on God does not mean we are not praying. We can silently wait because we are pouring out our hearts to God in prayer. They go together.

Selah indicates a pause – probably a meditative pause. Stop and think on this.

- Am I resolved to quietly wait on God in faith?
- Do I properly recognize Who God is to me in this situation?
- Have I prayed about this earnestly – pouring out my heart to God?

**9 Surely men of low degree are a vapor, Men of high degree are a lie; If they are weighed on the scales, They are altogether lighter than vapor.**

Remember the theme of this Psalm is trusting in God ALONE! We are not to trust in people. After telling us to pour our hearts to God and that He is a refuge for us, David strongly refutes the idea that people of any status are worthy of our trust.

People of “low degree” are common people. David says they are a vapor, meaning they are insignificant and unworthy of our trust.

On the other hand men of “high degree” are a lie. There is no security there either. Because of their high position one might be tempted to trust in them – but it is deceptive. In the end, they are not worthy of our trust either.

If weighed on the scales to see the weight of their worth, they are altogether lighter than vapor – that is, they amount to nothing. Their help is worthless. They represent no substance worthy of trust!

Mankind tends to boast in himself and his resources. In the day of the Lord God is going to put DOWN every lofty thing and He alone will be exalted in that day. After emphasizing this strongly in Isaiah 2, the chapter ends on this note:

### **Slide # 6**

#### **Isaiah 2:22 (NKJV)**

**22** Sever yourselves from such a man, Whose breath is in his nostrils; **For of what account is he?**

The answer air breathers are of no account in terms of deserving our TRUST.

### **Slide # 7**

#### **Jeremiah 17:5–6 (NKJV)**

**5** Thus says the LORD: “**Cursed** is the man who **trusts in man** And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD.

**6** For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited.

**Slide # 8****Jeremiah 17:7–8 (NKJV)**

**7** **“Blessed** is the man who **trusts in the LORD**, And whose hope is the LORD.

**8** For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

In the end, there are only two ways you can go. You can either trust in man and his resources or you can trust in God. And to really trust in God means we are relying on Him ALONE.

**Slide # 9**

v. 1 My God **alone** my soul waits in silence.. (ESV)

v. 2 He **only** is my rock and my salvation...

v. 5 My soul, wait silently for God **alone**...

v. 6 He **only** is my rock and my salvation...

**10 Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.**

David here seems to draw a contrast with his enemies who did these very things. The exhortation is not to adopt their way of thinking or their ways.

Some people think the way to get ahead is through oppression. They trust in their abusive ways to get them ahead. That is the wicked way of the world.

Others seek to rip people off and take advantage of them through robbery, thinking that will get them ahead.

And if riches increase, even legitimately, don't set your heart on them. In other words, don't put your trust in riches.

Some think that very possibly Paul in 1 Timothy 6 may have been alluding to this very verse.

**Slide # 10**

**1 Timothy 6:17 (NKJV)**

**17** 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.

David became a very wealthy man. There is nothing inherently wrong with riches, but the exhortation is to not trust in them.

It's possible to hold great wealth without trusting in those riches, but it isn't easy.

There are at least three ways in which one may **set** the **heart** on riches.

- To take excessive pleasure in riches, making them the source of joy for life.
- To place one's hope and security in riches.
- To grow proud and arrogant because of riches.

- **David Guzik**

David exhorts God's people not to trust in oppression, robbery, or money – all worldly things people look to in an effort to make themselves secure. But there is no safe place or salvation in any of these things.

**11 God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.**

"God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this" is a poetical way in Hebrew of making an emphasis of CERTAINTY (cf. Job 33:14; Amos 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 13). It is similar to when Jesus said, "**Truly, truly**". It states something as a surety, with a dogmatic emphasis!

And what David heard God say with absolute certainty is that power belongs to God! To trust in the resources of mankind is folly because POWER belongs to God ALONE. He alone is worthy of trust! He alone can ultimately do something about perilous people problems.

It is because power belongs to God that David was so determined to TRUST in God ALONE! The sense is that POWER belongs to God alone, therefore we should TRUST in Him ALONE.

David refused to look anywhere else for strength.



**12 Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work.**

But there is a twin truth that goes along with power. Not only does power belong to God so also does mercy.

Mercy is the Hebrew word “hesed”. It is a rich word that is a combination of faithful and being loving. It is for this reason that it is often translated as “lovingkindness”. Others translate it as “loyal love”, “steadfast love”, “faithful love”, or “unfailing love”. It is often associated with God’s covenant faithfulness.

Not only is God alone powerful He is also totally faithful! That is a beautiful combination – power and faithful.

And in the end God can be totally counted on to right everything.

Everyone in the end will get exactly what they have coming according to their work. This is true of believers in terms of rewards and it is true in unbelievers in terms of punishment.

If you do a study of judgment, you will find that all God’s final judgments are on the basis of WORKS. Our works ultimately tell on our life – whether it be a life of faith or a life of unbelief.

### **Slide # 11**

THE BELIEVER’S JUDGMENT - REWARDS

#### **2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV)**

**10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that **each one may receive the things done in the body**, according to what he has done, whether **good or bad**.

### **Slide # 12**

#### **Revelation 20:12–13 (NKJV)**

**12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the **dead were judged according to their works**, by the things which were written in the books.

**13** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. **And they were judged, each one according to his works.**

A person's "work" shows whether his faith is real or counterfeit and God will sort out who is who. This is therefore a ground of confidence for the believer and a warning for the unfaithful. – ***ESV Study Bible***

No matter what people may say about us or do to us, God keeps the books and one day will give sinners and saints the rewards they deserve. – ***Warren Wiersbe***

The book of Ecclesiastes is the most philosophical book in the Bible as Solomon tries to make sense of life. Here is where he ended up.

### **Slide # 13**

#### **Ecclesiastes 12:13–14 (NKJV)**

**13** Let us hear the **conclusion** of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, **For this is man's all.**

**14** For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

Security is found in God ALONE.  
Power belongs to God ALONE.  
Unfailing love belongs to God ALONE.

Trust in God ALONE.