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THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

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Text: Psalm 56

"Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me. 2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High. 3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. 4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. 5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil. 6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul. 7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God. 8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book? 9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. 10 In God will I praise his word: in the Lord will I praise his word. 11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. 12 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee. 13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?" (Psalm 56:1-13)

INTRODUCTION

- untested faith cannot be trusted
- David's life changed when Samuel anointed him as future king of Israel (1 Sam 16:12-13)
- David called into Saul's household (1 Sam 16:18-19, 18:2)
- David becomes king's son-in-law (1 Sam 18:27-29)

"And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him." (1 Samuel 19:8)

"And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. 11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? 12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath." (1 Samuel 21:10-12)

1. REALITY OF Alienation (v. 1-2)

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." (1 Peter 4:12)

- A. From The brethren - hiding to save his life
- SAUL - king of Israel
 - David was son-in-law to the king

Quote: "The mad king saw David as a threat to the king's kingdom...Saul did what all mad kings do. He threw spears at David. He could. He was king."

—Gene Edwards

ABSOLOM - David's son

"And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom." (2 Samuel 15:13)

David betrayed by his family

"And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. 12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day. 13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust." (2 Samuel 16:11-13)

B. From The world

Quote: "When man forsakes the Author of nature, he inevitably forsakes the order of nature."

THEY FOUGHT HIM DAILY

THEY SOUGHT TO DESTROY HIM

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

THEY TWISTED HIS WORDS - "Has God said..." (Gen 3:1)
- ps 56:5

2. RELIANCE OF THE Believer (v. 3-4)

A. In stressful Times

God is refuge, fortress, & shield

"What time I am afraid..." (Psalm 56:3a) - even in fearful times
"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." (Psalm 91:1-4)

B. In overwhelming Times

"Trust in him at all times; ye people, Pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah." (Psalm 62:8)

Quote: "Faith is an abiding duty and a perpetual privilege."

VOLITIONAL TRUST

I decide to trust "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." (Psalm 28:7)

"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." (Hebrews 13:6)

CONVICTIONAL TRUST

conviction & beliefs "God judgeth the righteous, And God is angry with the wicked every day." (Psalm 7:11)

in God's teachings "And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:47)

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" (Philippians 1:6)

3. RESILIENCE OF Faith (v. 8-9)

A. The presence of God -- The Lord never leaves (Heb 13:6)

PROVIDES REST

"And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints." (Revelation 5:8)

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein." (Jeremiah 6:16)

PROVIDES ASSURANCE

Quote: "I have a great need for Christ; I have a great Christ for my need."—

C.H. Spurgeon

"The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: What can man do unto me?" (Psalm 118:6)

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Nothing can separate from love of Christ "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35-39)

B. The power of God

POWER IN HIS WORD of God

*"In God will I praise his word: In the LORD will I praise his word."
(Psalm 56:10)*

living
word

*"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
(Hebrews 4:12)*

POWER IN HIS GOSPEL of christ

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."
(Romans 1:16)*

*"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."
(Philippians 2:15-16)*

CONCLUSION

- David ran away from King Saul's madness to kill him (1 Sam 21:10,12)
- David's family joins David for safety (1 Sam 22:1)
- David anointed king of Judah in Hebron (2 Sam 2:1, 4)
- Israel's 12 tribes raise David as king

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; 17 then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

2:1-5

