

Evening Sermon Outline – July 12, 2020

“Man vs God, David’s Only Refuge ...” Psalm 62

Whether the man be a politician, preacher or plumber MAN FAILS –

<sup>10</sup> As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. <sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside; They have together become **unprofitable**; There is none who does good, no, not one.” Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)

I. David’s trust in God gives him his silent soul -

<sup>1</sup> Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation. Psalm 62:1

1. What is a silent soul? Calm, at peace, nothing disturbs a silent soul because of trust in God –

A. Our Lord Jesus gives us a perfect example of this -

<sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup> Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?” Mark 4:37–40 (NKJV)

B. The movie, “What about Bob?” About a psychologist who is driven CRAZY by one of his patients gives us a perfect picture of a disturbed (not silent) soul!

C. In fact, all wicked souls are disturbed –

<sup>21</sup> “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.” Isaiah 57:21 (NKJV)

D. David himself lacked peace, quiet when he himself was the unrepentant sinner –

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. Psalm 32:3 (NKJV)

2. Peace returns for the sinner who finds “salvation” -

... From Him comes my salvation. Psalm 62:1 B

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

II. God was David’s ONLY rock and salvation -

<sup>2</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved. Psalm 62:2

1. God was David’s only Rock –

“David had often lain concealed in rocky caverns, and here he compares his God to such a secure refuge; and, indeed, declares him to be his only real protection, all-sufficient in himself and never failing.” C. H. Spurgeon

2. God is David’s and our ONLY salvation –

<sup>22</sup> “Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

3. This truth is one David sees as well worth repeating –

<sup>5</sup> My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. <sup>6</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. <sup>7</sup> In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Psalm 62:5-7

III. David’s refuge was not in man and that for good reason(s) –

1. Men attack, they do not save –

<sup>3</sup> How long will you attack a man? Psalm 62:3 A

2. Men will be judged, evil men slain –  
You shall be slain, all of you,... Psalm 62:3 B

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, ... Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)

3. Men are unstable, falling, failing –

Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence. Psalm 62:3 C

David means here to point out what a poor defense, refuge men are!

4. Here David seems to be speaking as king, with continued enemies -

A. They want to bring him down -

<sup>4</sup> They only consult to cast *him* down from his high position; Psalm 62:4 A

B. They delight in lies -

They delight in lies; Psalm 62:4 B

C. Jesus had similar enemies –

<sup>44</sup> You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. John 8:44 (NKJV)

5. When men spoke well of him, it was too often insincere -

They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Psalm 62:4 C

A. This too was something David had in common with Jesus –

<sup>8</sup> ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. Matthew 15:8 (NKJV)

B. David deserved honor as a king, Jesus as the Son of God and King –

<sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ” Matthew 15:9 (NKJV)

6. Men are vapors, lies –

<sup>9</sup> 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. Psalm 62:9

A. The best things we do are short-lived, temporary –

B. Light –

<sup>24</sup> Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written.

<sup>25</sup> “And this is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN

<sup>26</sup> This is the interpretation of *each* word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; <sup>27</sup> TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; <sup>28</sup> PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.” Daniel 5:24–28 (NKJV)

The writing is on the wall for every earthly kingdom!

C. Note what men too often trust in -

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

IV. Both power and mercy are in the hands of God –

<sup>11</sup> God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power *belongs* to God. <sup>12</sup> Also to You, O Lord, *belongs* mercy; For You render to each one according to his work. Psalm 62:11-12 (NKJV)

1. Power to protect, power to destroy enemies, power to judge –

<sup>20</sup> Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. <sup>21</sup> And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. Revelation 19:20–21 (NKJV)

2. Mercy is also within God’s power –

<sup>18</sup> Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. Romans 9:18 (NKJV)

What does this verse mean? One thing it means is we cannot come to God, repent, be saved whenever we want!

<sup>2</sup> For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)

Now, is the acceptable time, later your heart may be hardened! Later you are likely to be LESS REPENTANT, not more! Less able, not more!

Trust now in God –

<sup>7</sup> Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7 (NKJV)

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