

Psalm 31 | Trusting in God's Strength | Shelter in Life's Storms

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¹For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. In you, LORD, I take refuge. Let me never be disappointed. Deliver me in your righteousness. ²Bow down your ear to me. Deliver me speedily. Be to me a strong rock, a house of defense to save me. ³For you are my rock and my fortress, therefore for your name's sake lead me and guide me. ⁴Pluck me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my stronghold. ⁵Into your hand I commend my spirit. You redeem me, LORD, God of truth. ⁶I hate those who regard lying vanities, but I trust in the LORD. ⁷I will be glad and rejoice in your loving kindness, for you have seen my affliction. You have known my soul in adversities. ⁸You have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy. You have set my feet in a large place. ⁹Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am in distress. My eye, my soul, and my body waste away with grief. ¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow, my years with sighing. My strength fails because of my iniquity. My bones are wasted away. ¹¹Because of all my adversaries I have become utterly contemptible to my neighbors, a horror to my acquaintances. Those who saw me on the street fled from me. ¹²I am forgotten from their hearts like a dead man. I am like broken pottery. ¹³For I have heard the slander of many, terror on every side, while they conspire together against me, they plot to take away my life. ¹⁴But I trust in you, LORD. I said, "You are my God." ¹⁵My times are in your hand. Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. ¹⁶Make your face to shine on your servant. Save me in your loving kindness. ¹⁷Let me not be disappointed, LORD, for I have called on you. Let the wicked be disappointed. Let them be silent in Sheol. ¹⁸Let the lying lips be mute, which speak against the righteous insolently, with pride and contempt. ¹⁹Oh how great is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear you, which you have worked for those who take refuge in you, before the sons of men! ²⁰In the shelter of your presence you will hide them from the plotting of man. You will keep them secretly in a dwelling away from the strife of tongues. ²¹Praise be to the LORD, for he has shown me his marvelous loving kindness in a strong city. ²²As for me, I said in my haste, "I am cut off from before your eyes." Nevertheless you heard the voice of my petitions when I cried to you. ²³Oh love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, and fully recompenses him who behaves arrogantly. ²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the LORD.