

## PSALM 62

*God Alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.*

### INTRODUCTION.

- A. From Roy H. Enoch (11-9-94).
- B. To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.
- C. "To Jeduthun." In 1Chron. 25:1-4 we learn that Jeduthun and five of his sons were among the honored singers of Israel and had charge of the music.
- D. There are few, if any other psalms that seem to reflect the expressions, figures and other characteristics of David, more than this psalm.
- E. Notice some of David's common expressions:
  - 1. "my rock," "my salvation," "my defense," (62:2).
  - 2. "my rock," "my salvation," and "my defense," (62:6).
  - 3. "my salvation," "my glory," "rock of my strength," and "my refuge," (62:7).
  - 4. "trust in Him at all times," "God is a refuge," (62:8).
  - 5. oppression of enemies, riches not to be trusted, (62:10).
  - 6. "to You, O Lord, belongs mercy," and "You render to each one according to his works" (62:12).
- F. It is not possible to pinpoint the particular instances that might have prompted these lines.
- G. A suggested organization for the psalm:
  - I. He trusts in God despite cruel assailants (62:1-4).
  - II. He also invites others to trust in God (62:5-8).
  - III. All other help is futile except God (62:9-12).

### THE TEXT.

- 62:1** My soul *waits* in silence for God only;  
From Him is my salvation.
- 2** He only is my rock and my salvation,  
My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 3** How long will you assail a man,  
That you may murder *him*, all of you,  
Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
- 4** They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position;  
They delight in falsehood;  
They bless with their mouth,  
But inwardly they curse. Selah.
- 5** My soul, wait in silence for God only,  
For my hope is from Him.
- 6** He only is my rock and my salvation,  
My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.
- 7** On God my salvation and my glory *rest*;  
The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God.
- 8** Trust in Him at all times, O people;  
Pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us. Selah.
- 9** Men of low degree are only vanity and men of rank are a lie;  
In the balances they go up;  
They are together lighter than breath.
- 10** Do not trust in oppression  
And do not vainly hope in robbery;  
If riches increase, do not set *your* heart *upon them*.
- 11** Once God has spoken;  
Twice I have heard this:  
That power belongs to God;
- 12** And lovingkindness is Yours, O Lord,  
For You recompense a man according to his work.

## COMMENTS.

### A. He Trusts in God Despite Cruel Assailants (62:1-4).

Coffman quotes Jones' comments on the word "only" in this psalm, 62:1,2,4,5,6,9 (depending on the version you are using). "**Only** with God does the soul find rest (62:1), because God **only** is the rock (62:2), from which the psalmist can designate as vain those whose **only** desire is to cast him down (62:4); this is the foundation from which he turns to God **only** (62:5), because God **only** is his reliable helper (62:6), all men are **only** a vapor (62:9)."

[1,2] "...my soul silently waits for God... He only is my rock... salvation... defense..." David often expressed his only trust as in God because he had found reliance on man to be useless. "I shall not be GREATLY moved." He might be moved a little, but not REMOVED.

[3,4] He now addresses his adversaries and describes them. "How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain... like a leaning wall and a tottering fence." Here is real faith in God.

### B. David also Invites Others to Trust in God (62:5-8).

[5,6] Verses 5 and 6 are an almost verbatim repeat of verses 1,2. It is a reaffirmation of his confidence and trust in God to protect him.

[8] "Trust in Him at all times, you people..." David usually refers to the nation as "my people" but this may be it the time of Absalom's rebellion when he was not sure how many of the people were his.

### C. All Other Help is Futile Except God (62:9-12).

[9] "...men of low degree... vapor... high degree... a lie... weighed... lighter than vapor." This beautiful, figurative language vividly expresses the true worthlessness of wicked men.

[10,11] "Do not trust in oppression... robbery... riches... power..." Men often think they can gain in these ways, but only God can give men real value and blessings. Again, this sounds appropriate for the time of the rebellion of Absalom.

[12] "...to You, O Lord, belongs mercy..." Even when men show mercy, it is a godly characteristic, rather than typical of men. "...You render to each one according to his work." Here is one of the clearest indications of God's justice, fairness, and righteousness.