

Folly of Relying on Men
Psalm 62:9
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Thesis: I want to show the folly in relying on and following men instead of God.

Intro: 1. You probably have those in your life that you can rely on.
2. However, in spiritual matters where should man put his trust?

I. They are lighter than breath

A. The ways of men carry no weight (v.9)

1. The ways of men have no lasting hope.
2. The disappear like a vapor leaving man in the cold, away from God.

B. Ill-gotten gains do not profit (v.10)

1. But no trust in riches gained by wickedness
2. Wickedness leads to dependency on more wickedness.

II. Power and mercy belong to God

A. God has spoken

1. God has spoken and shown that true power belongs to Him alone (v.11)
2. God unlike worldly people today, shows mercy, shows love to mankind (v.12a, Ps 50:15)

B. Judgment of our works belong to God (v.12b)

1. God rewards the just for being just
2. However, he also punishes the wicked according to their wickedness (Ps 7:11, Ecc 3:17)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. God is our hope...

1. From God comes salvation, hope, and rescue from evil and the price of sin (v.1-2)
2. His hope and expectation is from God. (v.5)
3. Repeatedly we see how this hope is in God alone (v.6-7)
4. Encouragement is given to the wicked to turn to God and to pour out their hearts to Him (v.8)

B. Evil men lead others down evil paths

1. The evil only want to lead others down their same condemned path of wickedness (v.3)
2. The evil delight in false words and hide their true intent[v.4b] (v.4)

Application & Conclusion:

1. You will never see Heaven if you put your trust in men.
2. Only God brings salvation (v.1)
3. God is man's only hope, trusting in others will be the downfall of many.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9