

The Oologah Informer

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Vance Smith

PM Sermon:

Vance Smith

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Joshua – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

When Christians Sin - Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

Pour Out Your Heart

Johnny Ramsey

One of the fullest verses in the Old Testament is found in Psalm 62:8. Notice the wonderful three-point lesson therein: "Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us."

We need to learn these principles anew in our modern society. In fact, members of the Lord's family often act as though we had forgotten that Jehovah is our refuge. Our trust in the Creator will cause us to pour out our hearts unto Him. Emerson once said: "All that I have seen causes me to trust in God for all that I have not seen." This is virtually the thesis of Hebrews 11. The word trust means, "to have confidence in." Notice carefully these random thoughts from Scripture. "Our help is in the name of the Lord...casting all your care upon Him...God is our refuge and strength.... So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, I will not fear what man shall do unto me.... Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men.....I will fear no evil for Thou art with me...If God be for us, who can be against us.....For His merciful kindness is great toward us and the truth of the Lord endureth forever, Praise ye the Lord."

The best summary of this theme concerning which God begat trust in our hearts is found in 2 Corinthians 1:

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation....." Yes, trust in Him at all times. The saddest scene on earth to me is to see a wife and children bereft of their beloved husband and father. Or, for a virtuous woman to be taken suddenly from the midst of the home by means of death. Or, for a small, precious child from this life thus removing the sunshine from many hearts. I have stood by the casket as loved ones passed by for the final earthly view of their departed ones. I have heard the deepest expressions of trust in the Lord on these occasions. I have been greatly stirred to see the spiritual stability of mature Christians during such moments of sorrow. The reality of Christianity is never more beautiful than when in the hour of tribulation we exclaim: "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!" God is a refuge for us! One real tragedy is the strange situation of those who mightily depend on God in the hour of trial and then forsake Him in the day of success, health and strength. Is our Father incapable of receiving our confidence when we have ascended from the valley of tears unto the mountain-peak of happiness? Or is this human defection of forgetting the source of our blessings just another tool of the Devil? Success is the one things that some people cannot endure. The Deceiver of the whole world (Revelation.12:9) knows it. Let us trust in God at all times. Closely aligned with these thoughts are the words: "Pour Out your hearts before Him."

The emphasis of the Hebrew language in Psalm 62:8 simply means to commit yourself wholly unto God! The phrase now under discussion includes prayer and spontaneous praise flowing from the created unto the Creator. In James 5, we read

of the natural response of the spiritual life whether in sadness or in joy – let the Heavenly Father know! He knows, He cares, He blesses. Isn't it thrilling to hear someone just talk with God when his heart is on fire with love from eternal truths? Too much of the time our prayers are simply stilted, formalistic preachments. We desperately need more fervent communion with our Maker in prayer. Yes, in sorrow and sickness, in pain and bereavement, in success, happiness and victory – pour out your heart unto God. He is our refuge, our solace, our balm, and our strength!