



Even When I Am Old And Gray...

Psalm 71

His Rock And Fortress

- *“In Thee, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In Thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me; incline Thine ear to me and save me. Be Thou my rock and habitation, to which I may continually come; Thou hast given commandment to save me, for Thou art my rock and fortress”* (Psalm 71:1-3).
- God is dependable, even in the eyes of a man who has many years under his belt!

*“For Thou art my hope; O Lord God,
Thou art my confidence from my youth.
By Thee I have been sustained from my
birth; Thou art He who took me from
my mother’s womb; my praise is
continually of Thee”*

Psalm 71:5-6

A Marvel!

- *“I have become a marvel to many; for Thou art my strong refuge” (Psalm 71:7).*
- “Marvel” may mean a couple things. First, it could be that his peers marveled that he would maintain faith in spite of his many troubles.
- Or, it could be that his righteous example had produced excitement in others for their own faith.

- **Weakness and Loss of Strength** – Psalm 71:9
 - Having a proper perspective on the frailty of the body will keep our spirits in check.
- **Troubles Do Not Go Away** – Psalm 71:10-11
 - In fact, some challenges become more potent as we get older.
 - **Being Alone** – Psalm 71:11
 - It can become a very lonely time in life.

Lessons About Old Age

Positive Solutions

- **Teaching the Next Generation** – Psalm 71:18
 - Our greatest legacy could be teaching others about faith in Christ.
- **The Blessings of the Present** – Psalm 71:17
 - Exulting in the blessings of today is a reminder that God is still working for you.
- **This Will Work Out** – Psalm 71:20