



INTO THY HAND

# PSALM 31

- This prayer, at least in spirit, has been echoed by so many throughout the Bible. Time and time again, God has proven His power over earthly circumstances and delivered His people from their trials:
- David, just a man with a few rocks in his pocket, defeated a nine foot champion of mortal combat.
- Noah was delivered safely through the flood.
- Peter strolled out of a prison cell with an angel at his side TWICE (Acts 5:19, 12:5ff).
- Gideon saw God's power on display. So did Jephthah, Joshua, Hezekiah, Nehemiah, and so many others!



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SO, WHY DOESN'T HE ALWAYS DO IT?

# WHAT ABOUT...

- John the baptist?
- Abel?
- Job (at least, not at first)?
- Josiah?
- James, the brother of John?
- Faithful saints who were tortured, stoned, sawn in two, put to death by the sword, being destitute and mistreated, living in caves (Hebrews 11:35ff)?
- And then there's Jesus, who quoted Psalm 31 only moments before taking His last breath (Lk. 23:46).

# INTO THY HANDS

- It's easy to assume Psalm 31 is all about deliverance from earthly circumstances – “Heal my sickness”, “defeat my enemies”, “help me get that job”, “fix this problem” – Jesus clearly wasn't asking God for something earthly.
- He wasn't asking for deliverance from the soldiers, since He could do that at any moment (Lk. 4:30).
- He also wasn't asking for deliverance from the pain, spitting, and insults, since His physical death was imminent.
- He didn't need deliverance from DYING – He needed deliverance from DEATH!

# THE NET

- In Psalm 31:4, the writer mentions being pulled from the net. But which one? The net that a human can't save me from! A doctor can, in many cases, save a person from dying. An army can save a country from demise. A few people working together can save a child from a well or a dolphin from a fishing line.
- But what is the one “net” that leaves us truly helpless? Death.
- Jesus' prayer just before His death was not a cry for deliverance from His immediate earthly circumstances, but a display of His faith in the resurrection! “Into Thy hands I commit My SPIRIT.”

# DELIVER ME!!!

- We are commanded to pray about everything that causes us to be anxious (Phil. 4:6), so let's not minimize the value of a comprehensive, "leave it all up to God" prayer life.
- But in our rush to see all of our earthly circumstances resolved (because they occupy our attention so thoroughly), many of us end up missing the greatest prayer of all – to have an unyielding, unswerving, unabating faith in the resurrection.
- After all, Dave Ramsey can save you from debt. Only God can save you from death.



HEBREWS 11:17-19





REVELATION 1:18

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2 TIMOTHY 1:12