



The May 14, 2020 edition of TruNorth Daily Devotional with Dr Jim Brown:

“Learning Life from the Psalms of David.”

Psalm 31

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Psalm 31:2-4

“Incline Your ear to me, rescue me quickly; Be to me a rock of strength, a stronghold to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; for Your name’s sake You will lead me and guide me. You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength.”

In this Psalm David boldly demands, “pay attention to my prayer.” Similar to Psalm 102:2 ***“Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress; incline Your ear to me, in the day when I call answer me quickly.”*** David’s request is similar to asking someone to get nearer so you can whisper in his ear.

I notice again that David clearly sees the Lord as his “rock” and “stronghold” and “fortress” on which he is depending for rescue. Not unlike his writing in Psalm 23, ***“The Lord is my Shepherd,”*** but here, it’s a prayer, an appeal.

In verse 3 and 4 he says: ***“For Your name’s sake You will lead me and guide me. You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength.”***

How often do you see yourself as a Child of God?

I like what John wrote in John 1:12 – ***“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”*** A ***“Child of God”*** (John’s words by the Spirit) would be similar to what David wrote here: ***“For Your name’s sake.”***

We each carry our family’s name with us as we live our lives. Do something good, we make our parents proud. Do something stupid, we make our parents cringe.

David was boldly asking God – His Heavenly Father – to lead and guide him. Like Solomon who follows him, David was thinking clearly and acting wisely by painting a word picture here of a fish caught in a fishing net that he could not see. ***“You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me.”***

I’m reminded of Ephesians 6:10-18 which teaches that we are in a spiritual war. Yet, we have God’s armor to protect us... **IF** we depend on this armor God has provided for us, put it on, and use it.

David was doing similarly. He wisely realizes that his enemies have laid “secret nets” to try and trap him... so he asking for protection from getting snared in the first place, or complete rescue if he gets trapped. Either way, he knows WHERE to look for safety. Where are you looking? CDC? WHO? ABC? CBS? The Lord?

Prayer: Lord, I know where to look for safety too... to YOU. You are my rock. You are my stronghold. You are my infallible Guide. You know where the enemy has laid his traps for me. Lord, help me to remember to quickly look to YOU in all things. Amen.