**Psalm Sixty-Two**

***“My soul waiteth upon God”***

**Introduction**

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salm 62 rests between the Psalm 61 and Psalm 63 that refer to David as *“king”* (Ps. 61:6 and 63:11). Therefore, the crisis seemed to be the occasion of the attempted ouster by Absalom during which time he wrote several psalms imploring divine help in the midst of human despair. Perhaps the one who codified the Psalter (Ezra [?]) recognized this connection and placed these three psalms together. Common ground occurred also with the addressee *Jeduthun* (“praising”) who was a Levite of the *Merari* family and was chief of one of three choirs. David addressed two psalms to him (Pss. 39:1 and 62:1) and Asaph one psalm to him (Ps. 77:1). These chief musicians or choir directors, Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman (cf. Ps. 88:1), were skilled men and strong allies of King David (cf. I Chr. 25:1). The volume of davidic psalms responding to Absalom shows the intensity of the personal and royal crisis that the psalmist David endured.

**Structure**

King David used a slew of repetitious words, such as *“waiteth-wait”* (vv. 1, 5), *“salvation”* (vv. 1, 2, 6, 7), *“rock”* (vv. 2, 6, 7), *“defence”* (vv. 2, 6), *“moved”* (vv. 2, 6), *“refuge”* (vv. 7, 8), *“only”* (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9), *“Selah”* (vv. 4, 8), *“vanity”* (v. 9[2x]) for intensity and assurance. The flow of the inscripturated psalm followed this chiasm.

A. My Dependence on God (vv. 1-2)

B. My Disappointment with Man (vv. 3-4)

C. My Defence by God (vv. 5-8)

B. My Delusion about Man (vv. 9-10)

A.’ My Dependence on God (vv. 11-12)

**Exegesis**

**A. My Dependence on God (vv. 1-2)**

 ***1. My Wait (v.1)*** > *dumiyah* (“wait in silence” [4x])

 a. On Deity > God

 b. On Deliverance > salvation from ouster > II Sam. 15:12 ff.; 16:21-23; 17:1-4.

 ***2. My Wisdom (v. 2)***

 a. His Salvation (*Jeshua*)

 1) Rock (*tzur*) > Ps. 18:2

 2) Salvation (vv. 1, 2, 6, & 7)

 3) Defence (*misgav* [17x])

b. His Stability > he cannot be moved (*mot* [39x]) as earth cannot be moved (Ps. 93:1; Prov. 24:16)

**B. My Disappointment with Man (vv. 3-4) *Selah***

 ***1. Their Time (v. 3a) >*** it is imminent > Prov. 29:1

 ***2. Their Trouble (v. 3b) >*** it is ill-fated > *“bowing wall”* & *“tottering fence”* > Isa. 30:13

 ***3. Their Testimony (v. 4)*** > it is inane > II Sam. 15:1-6

**C. My Defence by God (vv. 5-8)**

 ***1. My Rest (v. 5)*** > *“wait”* (imperative verb > *damam*) and waiteth (noun: *dumiyah*)-v. 1

 ***2. My Rock (vv. 6-7a)***

 a. It’s Personal

 b. It’s Positioned

 ***3. My Refuge (vv. 7b-8)*** > on rocks, around rocks, under rocks

**B.’ My Delusion about Man (vv. 9-10)**

***1. Their Nature (v. 9)*** > vanity of vanity (“low” or “high” or “lighter than”) > Isa. 40:15

***2. Their Negation (v. 10)*** > trust Lord for increase not man (Dt. 8:18)!

**A.’ My Dependence on God (vv. 11-12)**

 ***1. His Revelation (v. 11)*** > Job 33:14 > Job 36:22

 ***2. His Rendering (v. 12)*** > “repay” > I Cor. 3:8

**CONCLUSION: The LORD requires disciples to wait on Him in faith! Waiting is part of the test.**