

Sunday January 8, 2023

Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church

Welcome & Prayer

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. ³ For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth & the mountain peaks belong to him. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it & his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; ⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Let's Pray. Sovereign Lord, what a great privilege it is to come into your presence this morning. To be able to sing to the rock of our salvation. To be able to come before you in thanksgiving and to praise you with music and song. To be able to humble ourselves in worship, to pray to our maker & to place ourselves under your sovereign care.

We admit that we don't come to you often enough, and we don't thank you enough, nor are we humble enough, dependent enough, passionate enough. Please forgive us. Forgive us because for everything we have done wrong, whether we have done or said or acted in the wrong way or failed to do, say or act in the right way, that wrongdoing meant that your Son Jesus had to die on the cross to forgive us that sin. So we thank you for Jesus. May he become more and more real to us today as we sing, listen, pray, reflect and commit this time to you now. And we ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Song – How Great Thou Art

[How Great Thou Art with lyrics performed by chris rice - YouTube](#)

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| <p>1. Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed</p> <p>Chorus
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art</p> | <p>2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin</p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>3. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art</p> <p>Chorus</p> |
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Bible Reading – Psalm 40 (NIV)

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

² *He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.*

³ *He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.*

⁴ *Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.*

⁵ *Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.*

⁶ *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened— burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.*

⁷ Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll.

⁸ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.

¹⁰ I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

¹² For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.

They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.

¹³ Be pleased to save me, LORD; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

¹⁴ May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.

¹⁵ May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame.

¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"

¹⁷ But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

Announcements 8/1/23

Focus for January – Rest & Refresh. January is all about the cricket, the tennis, the beach and the pool. But for Christians it should all be about resting in Him. Rebuilding your spiritual strength. Reviving your times with God. Refreshing yourselves with good books and Christian podcasts. Being renewed through prayer & worship. For last year was a taxing year and 2023 will bring many challenges and surprises as well. The best way to be ready for them is to spend time strengthening your walk with the Lord TODAY. What will you do this week to take your first steps in doing that?

Regular Activities of our Church will be in recess until NSW public schools back on Friday 27th January. Our hope is that you will come each Sunday for worship (and help out where needed) and enjoy a rest from church activities for the rest of the week.

Kids Church over the School Holidays. As per bulletin for Sunday 18th December

Vanuatu Short Term Mission. A team of seven of our young (and not so young) people are heading to Vanuatu from Wednesday 11th January to Saturday 21st January. They will be working on two projects (painting the Church at Walaha & helping build extra accommodation on the Hog harbour Presbyterian Church site) They will also be encouraging the locals through personal relationships as well as running kids and youth nights, teaching on discipleship and leadership, preaching at Sunday and midweek services and strengthening the strategic partnership that we have with these two communities that has been going for the last 6 years. Please pray for them.

CHURCH CAMP. Theme "Family Reunion" Details on facebook or pick up a handout. Dates: 3-5th March 2023. All registrations need to be in by Sunday 29th January.

Kids and Families Worker (approx. 8-10 hours a week). With Suzie leaving our position in January this year, we will be advertising and interviewing prospective candidates for her replacement in Feb/March this year. For more details please see Jon or Stephen.

Giving. Would you like to give regularly to the work of the church so that our ministries can be sustained or even grow? If so the easiest way is by setting up a direct debit from your bank account. You just decide you much you would like to give on a weekly basis and then organise that amount to go to our Church each week. If you would like help to set it up then please speak to Letitia. Otherwise, the Church Bank details are Charlestown Eastlakes Presbyterian BSB 062-829 Account 10194850

Small Groups. Why not consider joining a small group in 2023? They are a great way to grow in your faith and to strengthen ties with other Christians. We run groups for men and women, young and old, day and night, ZOOM and live, weekly or fortnightly. You are sure to find a group that will suit you. Just see Jon, Stephen or one of the elders.

Bible Reading – Romans 11:33-12:2 (NIV)

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and^[i] knowledge of God!

*How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!*

³⁴ *“Who has known the mind of the Lord?*

Or who has been his counselor?”^[i]

³⁵ *“Who has ever given to God,*

that God should repay them?”^[k]

³⁶ *For from him and through him and for him are all things.*

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

12 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Pastoral Prayer Points

Pray for Pakistan: Pray for the spiritually oppressed in remote areas to encounter the Gospel. Pray for the Church to multiply in the power of the Spirit as persecution intensifies. Pray for the strongholds of Islamist extremism and terrorism to be demolished and rendered powerless.

Short Term Mission to Vanuatu. Pray that the Lord would open up the doors so that our short term mission team can minister to the people of Hog Harbour and Walaha practically, relationally, and spiritually. Pray that all involved will lean more on the Lord Jesus and encourage one another in the faith.

Josh Montzka. Please pray for a restful holiday in Newcastle; safe travel and the Lord's directing for the Power to Change strategy retreat in Queensland in late January; the Lord's provision of the shortfall in financial support; His direction for 2023, especially in determining the major focus for work.

Song – I will wait for you

[I Will Wait for You \(Psalm 130\) \(Official Lyric Video\) - Keith & Kristyn Getty - YouTube](#)

INTRO Lord, from the depths I call to You

Lord, hear me from on high

And give attention to my voice

When I for mercy cry

1. Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

2. Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

3. So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

4. Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

CHORUS

**I will wait for You
I will wait for You
On Your word, I will rely
I will wait for You
Surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied**

OUTRO

I pray my soul waits for the Lord

My hope is in His word

More than the watchman waits for dawn

My soul waits for the Lord

Sermon – Waiting Patiently! - Stephen T

I was about 18, and I was just so excited. I was finally going to see my favourite rock group, U2, live in concert at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. I had all their albums. I knew many of the lyrics of their songs off by heart. I had followed them for years. But now I was going to hear them perform, live. And it really was a great show. But that night they ended not with one their biggest hits or one of their well-known anthems. It was a song from their second album, when they were just starting out, a song called 40.

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And the words were taken straight out of Psalm 40. *"I waited patiently for the Lord, he inquired and heard my cry, he lifted me up out of the pit, out of the miry clay. I will sing, sing a new song. How long to sing this song? How long, how long, how long, how long to sing this song? He set my feet upon a rock, he made my footsteps firm. Many will see, many will see and hear. I will sing a new song."*

Here was the ancient Psalm, still speaking to a modern world. Here was the lead singer, in front of 12,000 adoring fans, applying the wait of the Psalmist in Psalm 40, to his own situation in Ireland. How long will he have to wait? How long will it take for Ireland to stop tearing itself apart? When will God finally hear the prayer of the Irish and bring them peace?

That's one of the things I like about the Psalms. They are not dry as dust. They are not just conveying information. They are personal. They are passionate. They are real. And they can easily be applied to our everyday situations. You see Psalm 40 is a psalm that reflects King David's life situation. But it does more than that. It reveals to us more of Jesus life and ministry to us. But it also resonates with us today. It refreshes us today and it can become a refrain that we sing while we are waiting patiently for the Lord. Let's see what I mean.

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1. The Pit (verses 1-2)

This is a Psalm of David, written some 3,000 years ago and he begins by saying, *"I waited patiently for the Lord, he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire."* How often have we waited for the Lord to do something? How often have we found ourselves in the pits, in a hole, stuck in the mud?

We may not have been physically stuck in quick sand, or caught down a mine shaft, helpless and unable to get out. But we know what it is like to feel trapped. Unable to get out of a situation. Unable to do anything to help. For life is like that sometimes, isn't it? We are up against a health problem that the doctors can't seem to get to the bottom of. We are exhausted by what life has thrown at us and we have no energy to go on. We find ourselves in the middle of relationship problems and there is no light at the end of the tunnel. We can't escape our own sinful personality. Yes, life is certainly sometimes like that.

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It happens to us all at some time or other. Kurt Cobain was the lead singer of a grunge band called, "Nirvana". He tragically took his own life in an act of suicide. Despite his widespread fame, great wealth and status as a rock god he grew terribly lonely & depressed. In the days leading up to his suicide one of his

diary entries read: *"Somebody, anybody, God help, help me please. I want to be accepted...I'm so tired of crying and dreaming, I'm so, so, alone."*

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And sometimes when we are caught in that sort of a pit, God doesn't seem to want to change the situation. Phillip Brooks, a Baptist pastor in Boston in the late 1800's, when asked one day, the reason for his agitation famously said, "The trouble is I'm in a hurry, but God isn't." Can you relate to that? Being in a hurry for something to happen and God is telling us to be patient.

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Here we find out that David is waiting. Is he is waiting for God to give him the kingdom of Israel as promised? Is he waiting for Saul to call off the attack dogs? He is waiting for God to change those sinful parts of his personality? We are not told. But God is asking him to wait.

And God asked his son to wait as well. He was thirty years of age before he began his ministry. He then spent 40 days in the desert, tempted by Satan as he waited for God to give him the green light to begin his ministry. He waited and waited to see his disciples get it but that would only happen with the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus went. And we can only imagine the wait that Jesus felt while bearing the full brunt of the sins of the world on his body while being separated from God. David waits. Jesus waits. And we are people who are also called to wait as well.

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Leonardo de Vinci once said *"Patience serves as a protection against wrongs as clothes do against cold. For if you put on more clothes as the cold increases, it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet with great wrongs, and they will then be powerless to vex your mind."*

Grow in patience. God calls his people to wait patiently for Him to act. For he will act. He moves David's feet from the slippery ground and onto the rock of stability. He raises Jesus from the dead & takes him to his right side of glory. He does answer our prayers, we are not in the pits forever. God may not seem in a hurry but he is putting the puzzle pieces together.

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It's a bit like the Chinese bamboo tree. I believe you can plant the seed, water and fertilise it but for the first couple of years nothing happens. But then bang, it grows, boy does it grow. Some varieties can grow up to 25 meters in just a month or two. But it wouldn't have grown at all if hadn't been planted. One has to wait to see the growth! Likewise, if we have to wait for God to work, it will be worth it. David thinks so. For as the Psalm continues

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2. The pit turns into the praise (verses 3-10)

Because God hears David's prayer and lifts him out of the pit. He gives him a new foundation for his life, by placing his feet on a rock. He makes him feel safe and secure by ensuring that that he has a firm place to stand. God doesn't abandon his servant. God doesn't ignore his child's cry. He intervenes.

³*"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him. ⁴Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. (Slide 10) ⁵Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare."*

And that puts a new song in David's mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. It gives David a different perspective on life, on faith, on trust in God. It's not that the old song is wrong. It is not that he was wrong to sing the blues. It is just that David now realises that God continues to act in our lives, he continues to

answer our prayers, and so this new song is not just someone else's song, it is his song, his very own personal song.

It is when Joseph Scriven loses his fiancée, the love of his life, the night before he is to marry her, that in his pain he sits down and writes, *"What a friend we have in Jesus."* It is John Newton who looks back at his life as a cruel ship's captain, a slave trader, someone who had walked away from his mother's faith and sunk as low as you could go, that he writes *"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me."*

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It is Geoff Bullock who is the worship leader of the fastest growing Church in Sydney Hillsong, whose life suddenly veers crazily off course, who pens the words, *O Lord you guide me through all the darkness, turning my night into day. You'll never leave me, never forsake me, the power of the presence of God. Have faith in God let your hope rest in the faith he has placed in your heart. Never give up, never let of the faith he has placed in your heart.*

Friends, music and song is important when you are in the pits **and** when you have your feet upon the rock. We can read the Psalms. It has every mood possible within them. We can sing our hymns and our modern songs. For we need to hear those truths again. We need to remind ourselves of God's character. And music is a great vehicle in which to do that.

God places a new song in my mouth. And a new message on our tongue. We want to declare God's wonderful nature and the wonders his nature has performed. We want to testify that God is worthy of our trust. We want the whole world to know that there is no-one who can compare to our God. That the other things that we might put our trust in just can't cut the mustard at all. This is good news and you can't keep good news to yourself. You have to tell it to others but it can't stop even there, it has to affect our whole lives.

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⁶"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have opened: burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. ⁷Then I said, "Here I am, I have come — it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

David realises that he could bring a sacrifice, a costly sacrifice to the altar, but that isn't enough. He could go and make an offering of grain or of money, but there's nothing personal in that. For God wants more than my cash, more than my crops, or even more than my repentance. He wants to pierce my ear. He wants me to open my ears to what he is saying to me. But more than that, he wants my life, my soul, my all. Slide 13 *"Here I am, David says, I have come, I desire to do your will O my God, your law is within my heart."*

Nothing less than David's all is good enough. Nothing less will do. For when God had given the Israelites the sacrifices they are to make, they were symbols pointing toward the one great sacrifice that God Son Jesus would make on their behalf. The perfect lamb of God. Shed his blood, his life, his all to forgive us our sins. For interestingly the writer to the Hebrews puts the words of Psalm 40 onto Jesus own lips. There Jesus says to his father God, *"Here I am, I have come, it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, O my god, your law is within my heart."*

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Jesus gave his all to you, can we give him any less than our all back to him? Remember Paul's words from Romans 12:1? *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Sacrifices have no value if our hearts are not in it. Ritual without heartfelt obedience is a complete and utter waste of time. Going through the motions of a religious life is not what David is calling us to do and it certainly wasn't what Jesus did on our behalf. He wants not just your voice or your ear or you Sunday mornings. He wants your life.

Apparently General William Booth, of the Salvation Army, was once asked to reveal the secret of his success. How he had defied all the odds and started a movement, a Christian movement, that cared about the poor, the down trodden, the down and outs. And the devout leader hesitated for a moment, then, as tears came into his eyes and ran down his face, he replied: *"I will tell you the secret. God has had all there was of me to have."*

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"There may have been men with greater opportunities; but from the day I got the poor of London on my heart, and a vision of what Jesus Christ could do, I made up my mind that God would have all there was of William Booth. If there is anything of power in the Salvation Army today, it is because God has had all the adoration of my heart, all the power of my will, and all the influence of my life."

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Now shouldn't that be the same for us? Yes, we may be in the pits but God is still worthy of our praise. And we praise him with song and witness, with our lives and with our words. ⁹*"I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know."*

¹⁰*"I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly."*

I am not going to hide my true love away. I am not going to place my light under a bushel. I am going to let it shine. Through my songs, through my words, through my life. What is in my heart will be obvious to all. And what is in my heart is Jesus, his saving acts, his Spirit, his righteousness. He himself is the very centre of my existence. He gave his all to me, with his help I will give my all also to Him.

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3. The Pits, the praise and lastly the plea, verses 11 to 17.

For no sooner has David given God his praise then his troubles surround him again. His heart fails within him. His enemies seek to take his life and put him to shame and ruin. He becomes again poor & needy. It is like he is back in the pits again. Listen to his testimony.

¹¹*"Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me."* ¹²*"For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me."* ¹³*"Be pleased to save me, LORD; come quickly, LORD, to help me."* ¹⁴*"May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace."* ¹⁵*"May those who say to me, 'Aha! Aha!' be appalled at their own shame."*

You see Christian faith is not an insurance policy against suffering. It doesn't mean that only good things happen to good people, to God's people. No, the Christian life has its real tough times. We are not immune from the sufferings, the pain, the death. In fact, my experience is that since I have become a Christian, I have had higher highs and lower lows.

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You feel deeply your own failings. Your love for others, breaks your heart when you see them going through tough times. The opposition from the devil comes at you with both barrels for you have deserted his side and are now supporting the opposition. But when you see the steps of faith happening in both you and others, your soul begins to really soar! ¹⁶*"But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, 'The LORD is great!'"*

And as I read through the Psalms, I'm struck by how many times the Psalmist comes through the pain and onto joy and then in a couple of verses he is back with his worries and his woes. How up and down he is! He complains, and then he remembers God's goodness. He struggles and then he remembers how God brought him up as a child. Then suddenly he starts complaining once more, before he cries out in sheer desperation. Twice in this one psalm he lapses into extravagant descriptions of his plight. And twice he turns his attention to his God, as his help and deliverer and his head again bobs up from under the water.

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But in everything he does, the writer is real. He doesn't sugar coat it. He doesn't just name it and claim it and then suddenly everything turns out right. He's hurt by what people are saying. Verse 14 *"may all who seek to my life be put to shame and confusion. May all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. May those who say to me 'Aha, Aha' be appalled at their own shame."* You don't expect to hear these words from a Christian. You don't expect to see these words in the Bible, do you?

But we feel these things. We think these things. And worse. So, what do you do when these thoughts and feelings come to you? Well, you don't say them to your enemies around you. You don't have to mouth your frustrations to your friends or your family. You take them to God. You speak these words to Him in prayer.

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Do you think he can't handle them? Don't you realise that he can read your heart and mind anyway, he knows what you are thinking. Express them to him. Give them to him. Because that will help you say in the end "the Lord is great." As you dwell on them it makes you realise how poor and needy we are. How we can't get out of the pit by ourselves. But he is our help. He is our deliverer. He is the one who can do something about our lives and we need him to come and do his work. We desire him to come and help us quickly. So you end up saying what the Psalmist says, "O my God, do not delay!"

Notice this Psalm doesn't end with a happy ending. They all didn't live happily ever after. Because that is not what life is all about. David's life didn't suddenly become all milk and honey. His kids betrayed him. He was on the run again. Even his succession plans caused drama after he went. But God was still his help and deliver. And so, this poor and needy king, continued to put his trust in his Lord and God.

And when you think about it things turned out pretty good for Jesus, he was raised from the dead, he appeared to the disciples and then he ascended into heaven. There is no reason for Jesus to cry out to the Father "you are my God, do not delay", is there? Except Jesus so identifies with his people that when we visit them in prison or when we care for those who are sick, whenever we do these things to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do them for him. So that is why we hear the saints cry out to the Father in the book of Revelation, How long? How long do we need to wait for you to come and end the evil in this world? That's the body of Christ calling out there. That's Jesus call as well. And its our call as well.

God do not delay. I need your help. I'm sick. I'm tired. My life is full of pain and grief but what I need more than anything else is you. Your help. Your presence. Your Spirit. Come Lord Jesus come, end this world of suffering and fulfil all your good promises to us.

That is what this Psalm is also calling us to do today. Its reminding us to come to God. To plead with him. To praise him. To ask him to help us when we are in the pits. And its revealing to us that our cry was Jesus' cry. And God raised him from the dead and God gave him the all that He promised him. And God will do that for us as well. And so this Psalm truly resonates with us. It refreshes our thinking. And it gives us a refrain, a song to sing, when things are good and when things are bad. We will wait patiently for the Lord. We will offer ourselves wholly to the Lord. For we are still poor and needy and so we will look to the Lord each day as our help and our deliverer.

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For many years Bruce Larson worked in New York City where he was counsellor helping people with big decisions. Often, after a Session, he would suggest they walk from his office down to the RCA Building on 5th Avenue. In the entrance of that building is a gigantic statue of Atlas, the man of Greek Mythology punished by Zeus to hold the world upon his shoulders. There he is, the most powerfully built man in the world, and he can barely stand up under this burden. "Now that's one way to live is trying to carry the world on your shoulders", he would say.

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But now come across the street with me" he would continue. On the other side of 5th Ave is St Patrick's Cathedral, and there behind the high altar is a little shrine of the boy Jesus, perhaps eight or nine years old, and with no effort He is holding the world in one hand.

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The application? We have a choice. We can carry the world on our shoulders, or we can say, 'I give up, Lord; here's my life. I give you my world; I give you my all.'" What are we going to do? David reminds us "*Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust...*" And ends by saying "*You are my help and my deliver, O my God, do not delay.*"

Song – I have a shelter in the storm

[I Have A Shelter - Sovereign Grace - YouTube](#)

1. I have a shelter in the storm
When troubles pour upon me
Though fears are rising like a flood
My soul can rest securely
O Jesus, I will hide in You
My place of peace and solace
No trial is deeper than Your love
That comforts all my sorrows
2. I have a shelter in the storm
When all my sins accuse me
Though justice charges me with guilt
Your grace will not refuse me
O Jesus, I will hide in You
Who bore my condemnation
I find my refuge in Your wounds
For there I find salvation
3. I have a shelter in the storm
When constant winds would break me
For in my weakness, I have learned
Your strength will not forsake me
O Jesus, I will hide in You
The One who bears my burdens
With faithful hands that cannot fail

Closing. ³"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him."⁴ Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD (Psalm 40:3-4)