

Psalm 62

Exhortation to Trust in Elohim Based on Personal Example

For the choir director; according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

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A1 CONFIDENCE IN ELOHIM DESPITE MURDEROUS ANTAGONISM 62:1-4

B1 David's Confidence That, With Elohim as His Source of Safety, He Will Not Be Shaken 62:1-2

C1 His Silent Acknowledgment that from Elohim is His Salvation 62:1

D1 His silence before Elohim: *{1}* My soul *waits* in silence for God only;

D2 His acknowledgment of Elohim as the source of his salvation: From Him is my salvation.

C2 His Affirmation that He Will Not Be Shaken 62:2

D1 Since Elohim is his place of safety: *{2}* He only is my rock and my salvation,

D2 He will not be shaken! My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.

B2 David's Catalogue of the Murderous Antagonism of His Foes 62:3-4

C1 Their Attempted Murder of a Vulnerable Man 62:3

D1 Their multiplied assaults: *{3}* How long will you assail a man, That you may murder *him*, all of you,

D2 His vulnerability: Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?

C2 Their Hypocritical Speech 62:4

D1 Their counsel with an agenda to overthrow him: *{4}* They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position; 62:4a

D2 Their hypocritical duplicity 62:4b

E1 Their delight in lies: They delight in falsehood;

E2 Their outward blessing: They bless with their mouth,

E3 Their inward cursing: But inwardly they curse. Selah.

A2 TESTIMONY OF PERSONAL SECURITY; EXHORTATION TO NATIONAL SECURITY 62:5-8

B1 Personal Security: David's Waiting, Unshaken, upon Elohim Will Result in His Personal Deliverance 62:5-7¹

C1 His Urging Himself to Wait Upon Elohim, in Whom Rests His Hope 62:5

D1 His self-counsel: {5} My soul, wait in silence for God only,

D2 His reason: For my hope is from Him.

C2 His Belief That He Personally Will Not Be Shaken 62:6

D1 Because Elohim is his firm base, He is his salvation: {6} He only is my rock and my salvation,

D2 Because Elohim is his stronghold, he will not be shaken: My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

C3 His Affirmation of Elohim's Personal Protection and Sustenance 62:7²

D1 Elohim is his personal source of physical deliverance from his evil foes and thus the source of his resultant glory: {7} On God my salvation and my glory *rest*;

D2 His personal strength and refuge are in Elohim: The rock of my strength,³ my refuge is in God.

B2 Corporate Security: David Urges the People to Trust in Elohim 62:8

C1 His Command to Israel to Trust in Elohim in All Circumstances: {8} Trust in Him at all times, O people;

C2 His Command to Confide in Elohim: Pour out your heart before Him;

C3 Elohim's Function as a Refuge for Israel in Life's Storms: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

¹ 62:5-7 - In this paragraph, the only verbs are the imperative, "wait in silence" in v. 5, and "I shall (not) be shaken" in v. 6. So the main idea is, "If I (David) wait upon God, I will not be shaken." V. 7 contains no verbs at all. David seems to be personalizing his faith that Elohim will indeed be to him personally a source of strength and safety from the foes antagonizing him in vv. 3-4.

² 62:7 - Elohim. Poetically, the verse begins and ends with Elohim. Beautiful poetry!

³ 62:7 - rock of my **strength** ('oz, 5797): God is the rock of his strength; In 62:11 David says that he has heard from God once, even twice, that power ('oz, 5797) belongs to God!

A3 WARNING AND RESOLUTION! 62:9-12

B1 David's Warning Against Intimidation and Selfishness 62:9-10

C1 Against Taking Men Too Seriously 62:9

D1 {9} Men of low degree are only vanity and men of rank are a lie;

D2 In the balances they go up;

D3 They are together lighter than breath.

C2 Against Pursuing Wealth at All Costs 62:10

D1 {10} Do not trust in oppression

D2 And do not vainly hope in robbery;

D3 If riches increase, do not set *your* heart *upon them*.

B2 David's Encouragement Because of Elohim's Power and Loyal Love 62:11-12

C1 Power (to Survive) is the Province of Elohim!

D1 {11} Once God has spoken;

D2 Twice I have heard this:

D3 That power belongs to God; 62:11

C2 Loyal Love and Justice are the Province of Adonai! 62:12

D1 {12} And lovingkindness is Yours, O Lord,

D2 For You recompense a man according to his work.

EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 62

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