

# Psalm 31:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

## Analysis

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The plea 'Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me' uses imagery of God stooping to listen and providing secure refuge. 'Bow down thine ear' depicts God's condescension—He stoops to hear human cries. 'Strong rock' and 'house of defence' emphasize impregnable security. Reformed theology sees divine accommodation—God graciously attends to His creatures despite infinite distance. He becomes our refuge through covenant relationship.

## Historical Context

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David literally hid in rocky fortresses while fleeing Saul (1 Sam. 23:29). These physical refuges were temporary; God was the ultimate rock. The metaphor of God as fortress sustained Israel through military threats.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does God 'bowing down His ear' demonstrate His grace toward you?
2. What does 'strong rock' and 'house of defence' mean for your spiritual security?

## Interlinear Text

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לְצַר	לֵין	תִּרְאֵה	פָּאֵץ	יְלֵנִי	אֶלְעָזֶר	בְּטַהֲרָה
<b>Bow down</b>	H413	<b>thine ear</b>	<b>me speedily</b>	<b>to me deliver</b>	H1961	<b>rock</b>
H5186		H241	H4120	H5337	H0	H6697
מְעָזָה	לְבָבְךָ	וְתָמָד	מִצְרָאָה	לְהַשְׁעָנָה		
<b>be thou my strong</b>	<b>for an house</b>	<b>of defence</b>	<b>to save</b>			
H4581	H1004	H4686	H3467			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 86:1** (Parallel theme): Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

**Psalms 102:2** (Parallel theme): Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

**Psalms 130:2** (Parallel theme): Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

**Deuteronomy 32:31** (Parallel theme): For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.