

Psalm 62:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Analysis

The shift to exhortation ('Trust in him at all times') indicates David shares tested wisdom with others. 'Ye people' broadens from personal testimony to congregational teaching. 'Pour out your heart before him' encourages emotional honesty with God. The concluding affirmation 'God is a refuge for us' uses plural, showing individual faith experience has corporate dimension.

Historical Context

This verse marks the psalm's transition from personal meditation to public instruction, reflecting the Psalter's dual function as both private devotion and corporate worship material.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does your testimony of God's faithfulness serve others' faith?
2. What does 'pouring out your heart' before God look like in practice?

Interlinear Text

לְפָנֶיךָ ייְהוָה בָּרוּךְ הוּא בְּטַח בְּכָל	בְּכָל בְּזִמְנָה תְּעַתֵּן	שִׁפְךָוּ נְעַמְּדָה	לְפָנֶיךָ ייְהוָה בָּרוּךְ הוּא בְּטַח בְּכָל
Trust H982	in him at all times H3605	ye people H5971	pour out H8210
	H6256		H6440
לְבָבְךָ מִלְּחֶשֶׁת אֱלֹהִים כְּלָלָה:	לְכָל מִלְּחֶשֶׁת אֱלֹהִים כְּלָלָה:		
your heart H3824	him God H430	is a refuge H4268	for us Selah H5542

Additional Cross-References

Philippians 4:6 (References God): Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Lamentations 2:19 (Parallel theme): Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

Isaiah 26:4 (Faith): Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

Psalms 142:2 (Parallel theme): I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

1 Samuel 1:15 (Parallel theme): And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

Psalms 18:2 (Faith): The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalms 42:4 (References God): When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Hebrews 6:18 (References God): That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Isaiah 26:16 (Parallel theme): LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

Job 13:15 (Faith): Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

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