

PSALMS

THAT HAVE

IMPACTED

MY

LIFE

Booklet 4

PSALM 23:1

The Lord Is My Shepherd
A PSALM OF DAVID.

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- The LORD is my^a shepherd; I shall not^b want.
He makes me lie down in green^c pastures.
He^d restores my soul.
He^e leads me in^f paths of righteousness^g
for his^h name's sake.
- Even though Iⁱ walk through the valley of^j the shadow of death,^k
I will^l fear no evil,
for^m you are with me;
yourⁿ rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- You^o prepare a table before me
in^p the presence of my enemies;
you^q anoint my head with oil;
my^r cup overflows.
- Surely^s goodness and mercy^t shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall^u dwell^v in the house of the LORD
forever.^w

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of glory.

of David.

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,^x

the world and those who dwell therein,

foundeth it upon^y the seas

it upon the river.

the LORD?

place?

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Psalms That Have Impacted my life

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Introduction

The book of Psalms is very unique in the Bible, there is no other book like it even though the Psalms were written by many different people we know that all scripture is inspired by God. All the Psalms were written as songs to be sung normally on special occasions and were used to glorify God. I have titled this booklet “Psalms that have impacted my life”, over my lifetime I have been so impacted by the Psalms because God has used several verses from the Psalms to encourage me at various stages of my life. In my 20s/30s this verse had such an impact on me it is what David said in **Psalm 27:14** “*I would have lost heart unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of God in the land of the living*”. Not only in my younger years but all my life I have experienced the goodness of God they are too many to write about. In my senior years, I experienced the truth of **Psalm 92: 13-14** which says: “*Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of the Lord. They shall bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing*”. This is so true in my life, especially after the unexpected loss of my wife of 53 years, and now at

the age of 84, I am so thrilled with the Lord and how precious He is to me. I am so encouraged by what the Lord is doing in the church. We must never forget that the word of God is a living word that continues to speak to us. When David was anointed to be king of Israel as a teenager, God said in **1 Samuel 13:14** *“The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart”*. We look at the history of David as King we have little evidence of this however when we read the many Psalms that David wrote we get a glimpse of David’s love for his Lord and living His way. David writes about the situations that he faced and how his trust in the Lord shines through. This should be normal behaviour for us as we talk to people about how great the Lord is to us. The anointing that is on our lives should be impacting the people with whom we are in contact. The purpose of this booklet is to inspire you, as you are impacted by the truth of God’s word we are changed and we can be impacted every time we read it. The wonderful thing about God’s word is because it is alive, it will always speak to us. In this fourth booklet, I have written about Psalm 65, Psalm 66, Psalm 67, and Psalm 71. It is my desire and prayer that this booklet will inspire you to desire to pursue the Lord with everything that you have. The Lord is certainly worth pursuing and He uses His word to encourage us.

Chapter 1 Psalm 65

As we continue with 'Psalms that have impacted my life' we come to Psalm 65, the title of this psalm of David is "Praise for God for His Salvation and providence". The word providence means "The care of God for the future of man". David in other Psalms has declared the greatness of God's salvation, however, in this Psalm he adds another significant truth that he believes about God. He not only believed in God for his daily situation, but he was confident in the future God had for him. The Lord says in **Jeremiah 29:11** "*For I know the plans that I think towards you says the Lord, plans for peace and not evil, to give you a future and a hope*". At the beginning of this year 2023, it is good to remind ourselves that God is in control and that the plans that He has for us in our lives are good. **Verse 1** says "*Praise is awaiting you, O God, in Zion; and to you, the vow shall be performed*". Zion is often used to describe a place appointed by the Lord where His followers can live and serve God. Also, the Bible refers to Zion as "The city of Holiness and "a city of refuge where God protects His people". As we commence this year it is so important that we are continuously aware of the greatness of our Salvation. This is so important that we continually thank God for His great Salvation, we must never take it for granted but daily fall in love with Jesus and keep our relationship with

the Lord fresh. It is so important to recognise the difference between living in the Old Testament days and the way we can live today. In the Old Testament days when you wanted to experience God, you had to go to a special place built for that purpose. Today because we are born again and have made Jesus Lord of our lives, we can have fellowship with Him all the time. I am so encouraged by the way that David commences this Psalm, he tells God of the decision he has made about God, and He says that he cannot wait to be in God's Holy Place. He wanted to be able to freely praise the Lord, this was not a fleeting thought but something he was longing to do. He was not going to allow the events of life to pressure him and keep him away from praising his God. This is something that we need to consider and decide to not allow the circumstances of life to stop us from continually praising our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Not only was David going to praise God, but he was also going to make a vow to his God, in Old Testament times vows were very important to people and when they vowed it was a life-long commitment to whatever they had vowed. David is saying that he is making a lifelong commitment to follow his God. This is something that we need to do continually to remind ourselves that being born again is a life-long changing commitment and we

must do everything in our power to stop anything from coming between us and our Saviour.

Chapter 1 Psalm 65 Part 2

The Psalmist continues to declare how God protects him. For he says in **verse 2** *“O You who hears prayer, to You all flesh will come”*. David had a great understanding and confidence when he talked to his God, God heard what he said. This is something that changed in David’s life, God always hears what we say to Him. The only problem we have is that we do not always talk to God often enough. There is something inside of us that wants to wait for the last moment to talk to the Lord. This happens because we are not continually thankful for our salvation. The second part of the verse could say *“Because you are the only answer we choose to come to you “*. We need to remind ourselves that God is the only answer because He is just that. Next, David describes his situation he says in **Verse 3** *“Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, you will provide atonement for them “*. Another name for iniquities is wickedness, David is declaring all around him is wickedness, which describes the world in which we live. Although wickedness is everywhere it should not affect our relationship with the Lord. Remember that the darker it gets the light shines brighter. The Psalmist declared that God would provide atonement for him when he sinned. David declared in **Psalm 51:16-17** *“For you do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; you do not delight in the burnt offering, the*

sacrifices of God are a broken- spirit, a broken and contrite heart – these, O God you will not despise “. David had learned it was not about feeling sorry for our sins but a decision to change and live God’s way. We live in a world where Christian values are not declared as important and you see very little difference between people who attend church and those who do not. We should never forget the sacrifice that Jesus made for us to become a child of God. The psalmist is very clear although lived among the wicked he would still enjoy the salvation provided for him by his God. This is something that we should daily remind ourselves of how great it is to be born again – there is such pleasure provided by God as we live a life free from sin. We need to remind ourselves daily of **1 John2: 15** which says: *“Do not love the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world the love of the Father is not in him “.* The psalmist had learned not to be affected by the wickedness around him but he trusted in his God’s salvation. May we this year choose to live the same way, enjoying God’s salvation that He has provided for us.

Chapter 1 Psalm 65 Part 3

As we continue with this Psalm it is good to be reminded of its title 'Praise to God for His salvation and providence'. Remember that 'Providence' means 'God's care for us. **Verse 4** says: *"Blessed is the man that You choose, and cause to approach you, that he may dwell in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, of your Holy temple"*. As I write this part I am writing with mixed emotions because yesterday was 9 years since the love of my life finished her life's journey and went to heaven. I can join with David and thank the Lord for His salvation and for the way He has protected me. I am a blessed man because I live daily enjoying God's salvation in my life. Also, I am satisfied with the goodness of God that I have experienced over my lifetime. I am so glad that I belong to Jesus and to be reminded of His great love for me. During this time, I have learned to enjoy His presence, His presence has sustained me and the more I experience it the more I want it. **Verse 5** says: *"By awesome deeds in righteousness you will answer me, O God of our salvation. You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and the far-off seas "*. David in this verse tells of God's reward in his life because he put God first in the way that he lived. We can all identify with this sentiment because as we pause and look back over our lives with the Lord

there have been so many times that the Lord has awesomely provided for us. This is something that we do not do often enough, there is a danger that we can get caught up in the pressures of life and forget to remind ourselves daily of how great is our salvation. The Psalmist declares that God's salvation is everywhere, there is no place on the earth where you cannot experience His salvation. The Psalmist continues in **Verse 6** "*Who established the mountains by His strength, being clothed with power*". Every day is an opportunity to be in awe of God's creation, the only way that we can do this is to slow down and become aware of the greatness of His creation. **Psalm 19:1** says: "*The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork*". God's goodness is all around us if we take the time to remember that we are God's creation and live in a world created by Him. In this new year may we choose to pause and be overcome by what He has provided for us. Because it is so easy to allow the way that we live to dominate our thinking and we forget to be thankful for all the blessings and strength we receive from the Lord every day of our life. We are so blessed because we have been chosen by God to experience His salvation.

Chapter 1 Psalm 65 Part 4

This psalm is unique in the fact that David uses this psalm to declare the greatness of God and His creation. **Verse 6** says: *“Who establishes the mountains by His strength, being clothed with power “*. It is so easy to look at the magnificence and beauty of the mountains and because we see them so often, we never relate them to the power and beauty of God’s creation. This is a warning to us at the start of this new year to focus on the fact that we are alive because, in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and all mankind. One of our weaknesses is that we find it hard to stay focused on the things that matter. A good example of this is I live in a unit overlooking a park and a river with many boats, when people visit me, they always comment on the good view that I have. Whereas after 13 years I generally take the view for granted. We can do the same thing in our Christian living; we take for granted our belonging to the Lord and just coast along which is a very dangerous way to live. David continues in **Verse 7** to acknowledge His God *“You who still the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people”*. As I read this psalm, I realise it is so easy to forget the greatness of my Salvation, last month was my 69th anniversary of being born again. As I look back over my life, I can truly say I am glad I belong to Jesus who is my Lord and Saviour.

Through the many seasons of my life, He has been faithful and it is so good to remind myself how blessed I am to have Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. This why it is important to start each day having a time set apart to have fellowship with Him. At the beginning of the new year, it is good to reassess our priorities and choose to make Jesus number one in our lives. David never allowed the pressure of being king to dull his view of the Lord. David continues in **Verse 8** *“They who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of your signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and the evening rejoice”*. We are reminded again that God is everywhere and we should be aware of His presence everywhere we go. I call my life 'Living with Jesus' because I take Jesus with me everywhere, I go. Over the years I felt uncomfortable taking Jesus to certain activities so I stopped doing those things because I cannot live without Him. I like the way that David says that His God makes the beginning and the end of each day rejoice. This demonstrates how David experienced the goodness of God every day. May we choose to experience the same in this year of 2023.

Chapter 1 Psalm 65 Part 5

As we continue with this psalm of David it is good to be reminded of the title of this Psalm “Praise to God for His salvation and prudence”. Providence is not a word that is used regularly, it means ‘The care of God for the future of man’. While we understand and enjoy His great salvation all the time, God’s care for us is something that we rarely consider. The reason for this is that in most cases we do not see the hand of God’s protection on our lives. Because David did a lot of fighting against the enemy, he saw how God protected him daily also, and his fellow soldiers were also protected. David allowed himself to be impacted by the greatness of his God’s creation. He looked at the mountains and saw the greatness of God. He also was amazed at how God stilled the seas, also how God looked after His people. This is an area of life where I need to change, in one week I will turn to be 84 years old, and surely, I have experienced the greatness of God over my lifetime. Especially the last 9 years of living without my precious wife, the good thing is except for missing her the last 9years have been the best years of my life. I have the Lord in a new and living way and my relationship with the Lord has become so precious. He also opened the way for me to write these weekly words as an encouragement for other people. David’s attitude has reminded me to use my love for the

Lord to experience Him in all aspects of my life. Listen the what David observed that filled his heart with the greatness of his God. **Verses 9&10** say *“You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water, you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its ridges abundantly, you settle its furrows, you make it soft with showers, you bless its growth “*. There is a big danger because we live in cities and go to the shops to purchase our food, we do not see God’s provision and see what man has achieved. David is very clear without God we have nothing! I believe at the beginning of this year to focus again on the goodness of God that we have received. We have experienced the problems that man invented during the pandemic and are now told to live a ‘normal’ life even though very little has changed. We have seen the outworking of people when they take their eyes off the Lord and listen to what the god of this world is saying. If there was a time to be reminded of the providence of God is now. Now is the time to turn to Him and enjoy His salvation and care for our lives. May our attitude towards God be like David's and in all circumstances of life enjoy His greatness, This is a choice that we all can make this new year, choose to press in closer to the Lord and not allow the world to lead us away from our Lord.

Chapter 1 Psalm 65 Part 6

As we come to the final part of this psalm of David it is good to be reminded of the reason that he wrote this psalm. David was overwhelmed by his Lord's salvation and the way his Lord provided for him. This is a lesson for us because at times we are tempted to forget the greatness of our God and just take life for granted. David started this Psalm with the statement that praise was coming to God, he wanted God to know that he did not take for granted his relationship with his God. This is a good way to start with thankfulness for the things that the Lord has done in his life. He went on to say that God had made provision for his transgressions, and he did not live feeling guilty for the sins that he had committed. He also knew that when his sins were forgiven God remembered them no more. This truth is something that we have to apply daily, just because we can remember things in our past does not mean God still remembers them, this is a strategy of Satan to bring to our mind things that God has forgotten. and because God has forgotten they have no hold over us. Then David spent some time declaring the greatness of God's creation, everywhere he looked he saw the handiwork of God, and then he declared what he saw everywhere the handiwork of God. He then declared his awe and wonder at how God had created the earth. This is something that

is easily forgotten, we live in God's creation and at times we forget the greatness of our God. When you remember God's creation you become overwhelmed by the greatness of our God, this is something that we need to pause and be overwhelmed by the greatness of our God. Also, it is important to never forget how the Lord provides for us. This is what I have experienced over the last 9 years, my income is the aged pension for a single person plus a small amount from superannuation. I live in an 8-unit complex and there have been several significant debts to upgrade the complex, as I look back over the years I am overwhelmed by the greatness of God. **Verses 11-13** say: *"You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths drip with abundance. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with grain; they shout for joy, they also sing "*. Everywhere, David saw the handiwork of his God and that was a choice, today we are faced with the same challenge, over the last few years we have been exposed to fake news, and declarations of doom and gloom so that many people have succumbed to the fear promoted by the god of this world. This attitude has no part in the way that we live, we know and experience that God is in control so that we can walk with a spring in our step. This psalm has taught that God has provided such a great salvation and

He provides for us all the days of our Life. May we never forget this and live a thankful life.

Chapter 2 Psalm 66

As we continue to be impacted by the Psalmist David expresses his confidence and complete trust in the Lord this Psalm is no different. The title of this Psalm is 'Praise to God for His awesome works', David had learned a lesson which is something that we all should learn. Despite the lifestyle and responsibility of being King, he chose to find time to regularly praise his God. The world in which we live places so much pressure on us daily that there is a danger that we get caught up in the business of life that we do not spend time in the presence of the Lord daily and this is something that we must guard against. In **Verse, 1&2** David shows his passion for his Lord, "*Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honour of His name; make His praise glorious*". The first thing about this verse that caught my attention is that it is our choice to worship the Lord and that choice is not one of duty or habit but it is something that we want to do. The second thing is that it is something new, it is not something that we have learned and just repeat what we have done before. The word 'make' is another word for create, our relationship with our Lord can never be a habit but comes from the freshness or newness of our love for our Lord. Also, the word 'make' requires effort on our part and this comes from the choices that we make, we choose to follow Him. To 'make' we need a

pattern, a formula or a recipe to follow to be successful and the Bible is full of ways to praise the Lord. Interestingly, David says to make a joyful shout to God. It is important to understand that you cannot fake a joyful shout to God, this can only happen when we are overwhelmed by the greatness of God in our lives. From that sense of awe and wonder it is easy to make a joyful shout to our God. David was declaring that God's creation shouts to God and when we become aware of the greatness of His creation we can join in with shouts to our God. The Psalm goes on to say "Sing out the honour of His name, make his praise glorious". Again, that verse commences with a decision that we have made, singing is something that we choose to do. The phrase 'The honour of His name' is so powerful and it is so good to remind ourselves of the power of the name of Jesus. This is something that we can forget at times when situations arise, we should first use the name of Jesus because there is victory in that name. However, we limit God when we do not use His name, this is something that we should be aware of because when we use the name Jesus, we see the greatness of God manifested. Next, we are encouraged to "Make His Praise Glorious ", this only happens when what we express comes out of our fresh relationship not out of routine. There is much pleasure when our relationship with the Lord is fresh and real.

During this Psalm, the Psalmist encourages us to pause and reflect on what he has written and may we do so.

Chapter 2 Psalm 66 Part 2

The Psalmist David instructs us several times to pause and reflect on what he has written. When we read God's word it is so easy at times not to pause and reflect on what God's word is saying to us so it does not become part of how we live. We are instructed on many occasions to be "doers of the word not just listeners" (**James 1:23**). **Verse 3** says "*Say to God, 'How awesome are your works! Through the greatness of your power your enemies shall submit to you' "*. Because the Psalmist was overcome by the greatness of his God, David did not take credit for all the victories that he had experienced but was careful to acknowledge that it was God who won the victory. This is an area we can learn from the Psalmist. We need to be careful and give ourselves time to pause and see the greatness of God in our lives. Because most of the time we live an easy life, the reason for this is God is protecting us and we are not aware of it also the god of this world has been defeated. Unfortunately, we do not spend enough time reflecting and declaring the greatness of our God. **Verse 4** says: "*All the earth shall worship you and sing praises to you; They shall sing praises to your name*". If creation sees the greatness of God and takes time to declare it, how much more we should declare that we have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, may we never take our salvation lightly, and always be

overwhelmed by recognising that we are a child of God and take the time to declare that we live in His kingdom. After pausing and praising the greatness of his God the psalmist says in **Verse 5** *“Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing towards the sons of men”*. I believe at the beginning of the year we should take stock of our relationship with our Lord and Saviour and be prepared to change our relationship with the Lord. This is a choice that we are making all the time whether we are in awe of God or not. The god of this world is very vocal in declaring doom and gloom which if we take notice of leads us away from living in the greatness of our God. The verse commences with “Come and see” This is the greatness of our God inviting us to come and see without any threats from the god of this world when we ignore God’s greatness. I believe for too long we have been intimidated by the god of this world, the whole world is confused by COVID-19 and the perceived impending doom and gloom of climate change. These are smokescreens trying to tempt us from seeing the greatness of our God. I am so encouraged by the way the Lord is building His Church, it is so good to recognise His greatness, and that is why it is so important to have a daily habit of reading God’s word which is full of stories of God’s greatness. This leads us to spend time worshipping Him. As we continue with this Psalm, we see

the Psalmist David expressing his praise to his God and may we do the same.

Chapter 2 Psalm 66 Part 3

There is a danger that we can take for granted the goodness of God we experience every day. This Psalm through David reminds us the Lord does great and mighty things and should not forget them. The chorus of an old Hymn says: “Count your blessings name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done. “Verse 6 says: *“He turned the sea into dry land; they went through on foot; there we will rejoice in Him”*. David reminded the people of the miracles that God had performed when they escaped from Egypt, they crossed the Red Sea on dry land and when they entered the promised land, they also crossed the flooded river on dry land. The sad thing is that they forgot the great things God had done for them and stopped following Him. We face the same danger today if we do not regularly spend time with the Lord, we find ourselves distant from Him and start to live like we did before we were born again. **Verse 7** says *“He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations; do not let the rebellious exalt themselves”*. We must constantly remind ourselves that God is in control and not be moved by the way of the world. Sadly, because the church did not take a stand and opposed it the marriage act was changed to include same-sex marriage which is ungodly but only happens by the inactivity of Christians. **Verse 8** says: *“Oh bless our God, you peoples!*

And make the voice of His praise to be heard". This verse declares an important principle, it is not just good enough to think about the goodness of God, we must declare it with our voice, this is something that I try to do, especially when I am talking to other people it is so good to talk about the goodness of God in my life. Sadly, not all people who attend church do not do this, they will talk about anything except praising the Lord for being in their life. This is something that I pray about and put into practice for I know that the church grows when the Lord is honoured by His people. **Verse 9** says: *"Who keeps our soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved"*. I am so glad that I have been living with Jesus for over 69 years, but sadly there have been times when my love for my Lord grew cold, however, I am thankful those times have been few and for most of the time I have glad the I belong to Jesus. We have to be careful that the business of life does not interfere with our relationship with our Lord. It is easy at times to skip our daily prayer time and if we are not careful, we find ourselves doing other things instead of spending time with our Lord. This year may we take the time and check if the Lord is our priority.

Chapter 2 Psalm 66 Part 4

The title of this Psalm is 'Praise God for His awesome works', David continues to remind us in this Psalm of all the good things that God has done and we are also reminded to be thankful to the Lord for the blessings that we receive from Him. In **Verses 10,11 & 12** David praises the Lord for the testing times that he had to endure and he is glad for those times of testing. **Verse 10** says: "*For you, Oh God, has proved us; You have refined us as silver is refined*". Here David is thankful for the 'Heat' he has experienced for silver is only refined when high heat is applied to it. I think that when we feel the heat being applied, we cry out to God to take it away, not understanding the purpose of that heat. For silver to have its impurities removed heat must be applied for that to happen. May we have the foresight of David and accept the discipline of the Lord in our lives because this is the only way that we can grow in the Lord. **James 1:2-4** says: "*My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces Patience, but let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect (Mature) and complete, lacking nothing*". **2 Peter 3:18a** says: "*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*". Also **2 Peter 1:5-8** says: "*But for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to for faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to*

knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ “. Sometimes it is easy to forget that we are to grow in our relationship with our Lord. In the natural, children must grow up to be good adults; if this is true in the natural how much more in the Spiritual? Unfortunately, this is something that I have observed over the years some Christians stay children all their lives. In the verse, David is very graphic about the hardship that he had experienced, but he was thankful to God because of the Godly character he had developed through those testing times. This is a great challenge to us the Lord wants us to grow strong so that we can help others when they are being tested. There is nothing more comforting than that someone you trust can encourage you when you are being tested by saying that being refined is for our good and that we will come out of the testing victorious. I am so glad that when we are tested the Lord gives us the strength to live a victorious life.

Chapter 2 Psalm 66 Part 5

I am so encouraged by David's confidence in his God, even when he went through a time of testing, he knew that he would come out the other side a better person. **Verse 12** says: *"You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; but you brought us out to rich fulfilment "*. This verse demonstrates his unshaken confidence in his God, even though he went through situations that he did not enjoy. He declared it was worthwhile because he came out a better person. I find this so challenging because although I want to grow in my relationship with my Lord, there is part of me that does not want to experience God's process. The more I think about it and look back over my life, it was in the tough times that I learned to trust my Saviour and experience His greatness that shaped my life for His glory. After the time of testing David declared that he would honour the Law in the prescribed way as declared by the Law of Moses. **Verses 13,14 & 15** declare that David would worship the Lord in a way that pleases Him. There is a big danger when we try to please Him by the way that we feel and try to copy what other people are doing, at times there are moments when the church is suffering from people who believe that it is alright to only attend when it is convenient. Living this way never does bring us closer to our Lord and Saviour and the god

of this world is full of encouragement not to change. In these verses, David says “I Will “four times, I will be such a powerful statement, it is one of commitment not sitting on the fence. We need to realise what the Church is and what it stands for because it is certainly under attack. The god of this world if he could ban the truth of being born again and living a life that pleases the Lord. For too long the church has been silent about Godly principles and sadly the church is suffering because of this. I am so encouraged that there is a new move in the church and we are starting to give Him the glory that is due to His name. We need to be warned not to rely on our strength when difficult times come. In the past, I have lived that way only to find out when the crisis is over, I have lost my closeness to the Lord because I did it my way. God has promised us when we are tested, He will make a way of escape (**1 Corinthians 10:13**). The title of this Psalm is “Praise to God for His awesome works” David learned to experience the goodness of God in all situations, whether they were good or not good. May we have such an understanding of our God that we can rest in Him in all the situations of life. May we also commit to regularly attending and joining with other people to praise and exalt His name, decide not to be side-tracked by the pressures of life and always find the time to join with other people to honour our Lord.

Chapter 2 Psalm 66 Part 6

As we come to the final part of this Psalm it is good to be reminded of David's great love for his God as expressed in the title of this Psalm "Praise to God for His awesome works". David has gone to great detail in expressing his devotion to his God in all the circumstances of life, he praised his God in the good times as well as the hard times. **Verse 16** says: "*Come and hear, all you who fear God. And I will declare what He has done for my soul*". As I commence my sixty-ninth year as a born-again believer it is good to follow the example of David and declare how good God has been over my lifetime. Sometimes we can get caught up with the pressures of life and allow our closeness with the Lord to fade. David made certain that this did not happen to him, even though he must have faced pressures as King of Israel. I am so encouraged by what he declared about his God; in this verse, he invites us to take note of how he is in love with his God. Especially in the times in which we live, we must be on guard not to be side-tracked from our close relationship with our God. **Verse 17** says: "I cried to Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue". David unashamedly said that he cried out, this means he was very vocal in his praise for his God. Everyone around him knew that he loved his God. This is such a challenge to us because at times we are tested to be silent. In **Verse 18**

David declared: *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear”*. This is a great truth to live by, sin is sin and sin that is not repented stops our close relationship with our Lord. This is something that we must be careful about, we cannot justify wrong behaviour because it separates us from our God. **Verse 19** says: *“But certainly God has heard me, He has attended to the voice of my prayer”*. This is so encouraging because when we repent our close relationship with our Lord is restored. There is one trap that Satan tries to confuse us with, just because you can remember an event does to mean that God has not forgotten it. This is something that we have to be very clear about and live in the victory of sins forgiven. **Verse 20** says: *“Blessed be God, who has not turned from my prayer, nor His mercy from me”*. David commenced this Psalm by praising his God loudly and completed the Psalm with the same declaration. May we allow the goodness of our God to be at the forefront of everything that we do? We serve a mighty God who is worthy of all praise, may the praises of our God continually be in our mouths!

Chapter 3 Psalm 67

I am so encouraged and challenged by this Psalm (Song) of David, the title of it is “An invocation and doxology”. These are words that we rarely use today but their meaning is relevant and powerful in our walk with our Lord. The word ‘Invocation’ means ‘to call earnestly to God in prayer’ and ‘Doxology’ are ‘words that glorify God’, so this psalm of David is him earnestly talking to his God to bring glory to Him. Despite the hardship and trials that David experienced he had an overwhelming desire to declare the greatness of God in his life. I am so challenged by this because at times I allow my flesh to dim how I see my Lord and Saviour. **Verse 1** declares: *“God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine on us”*. We are reminded to pause and reflect on what this verse is saying to us. The fact that God is always being merciful and blessing us. However, there is a danger that I can get caught up in the pressures of life and those pressures can take us away from our close relationship with God. This is a battle that I constantly face and it takes determination to overcome those things that can take us away from our close relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is a good habit to develop, always assessing our relationship with the Lord. This is so important that we do this because there are people around who are influenced by the Godly presence

in our lives. The Bible says in **Matthew 5:14** *“You are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden”*. This is something that we must keep reminding ourselves of. The Lord desires the way that we are blessed to be visible to the people that we regularly mix with. This is why it is so important to develop a thankful attitude, always talking about the goodness of God in our lives. **Verse 2** explains why it is so important to be continually talking about the goodness of God in our lives, *“That your way may be known on the earth, your Salvation among the nations ”*. This is something that we must never forget, we are influencing people all the time whether we are aware of it or not. The god of this world (Satan) is so busy promoting ungodly behaviour and concepts that the world is getting darker. However, be encouraged that the light shines brighter in the darkness. This Psalm reminds us to put God first in our thinking because we have such a great opportunity to show who God is by the way that we talk and live. God is certainly doing new things all over the world including our church. I do not want anyone not to be impacted by the Lord in this new season. Now is the time to be aware of anything that is stopping us from experiencing a close relationship with our Lord and putting it right so that others can see the goodness of God in our lives.

Chapter 3 Psalm 67 Part 2

As we continue with this Psalm written by David with the express purpose of bringing glory to the Lord, as I reflect on this attitude, I realise how the god of this world (Satan) tries to distract us by many things that seem important at the time but only take us away from God. This is where there is no substitute for a close relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Verse 3** says: *“Let the people praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You”*. The verse commences with the word ‘Let’, this is saying that praise is a choice that we make, we have to allow our spirit to rise within us and declare the greatness of our God. We must never forget that we are born again and are a new creation in Christ. Our old ways of living have no hold on us, it only surfaces when we allow the business of life to overwhelm us and we stop living close to our Saviour. This is why it is important to set a time daily to maintain our relationship with our Saviour. As I look back over my lifetime, I am so glad that I have tried to be close to my Lord. The pleasure I experience every day is a great reward for the right choices I have made over my lifetime. In this verse, David repeats the importance of praising the Lord, we can never be reminded too often to do this, it must be what comes out of our mouths. When we are praising the Lord and is part of how we live, we find that people around us

are also encouraged. It is so nice to be around people who continually praise. **Verse 4** says: *“Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth “*. This is a good reminder to learn to praise the Lord because there is a time coming when the Lord will come and govern the earth. Now is the time to start praising the Lord because when He comes it will be too late to change and we will not take part in the greatness of God. The way that the world is now living is a sure indication that the time of Christ’s return is getting closer, with that in mind let us choose to be close to our Lord and continually praise Him. In anticipation of what it will look like when the Lord governs the earth, now is a good time to be a person who worships and praises our God. The Psalmist reminds us to pause and reflect on the goodness of God, we have so much to praise our Lord and may we be known as a person who is always praising the Lord. This is a good daily decision to make, may our praising the Lord impact many people for the Lord.

Chapter 3 Psalm 67 Part 3

As we come to the final three verses of this Psalm of David in which we are encouraged to earnestly call to God in prayer with words that glorify Him. It has been so refreshing to be reminded of the greatness of God in our lives. As I commence my 70th year as a person living with Jesus, I am overwhelmed as I consider the goodness of God in my life. Especially in the last nine years of living by myself, when we remember His goodness in our lives there is so much to praise the Lord. In **Verse 5** David repeats **Verse 3** which says: *“Let the people praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you”*. Sadly, human nature for what is, can at times become so familiar with the blessings of God and start to take them for granted. This is why we must choose some time each day to have a time of fellowship with the Lord. **Lamentations 3:23** tells us that the Lord’s mercies: *“They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness”*. This is something that we must guard against, taking the presence of the Lord for granted. I realise there have been times when I have allowed the business of life to overshadow my love for my Saviour. I am so glad that He has sought me and brought me back to that close relationship with Him. It is interesting to note that **Verse 6** says: *“Then the earth shall yield her increase; our own God shall bless us”*. David is saying when the people bless the Lord, He

blesse the land with increase. It is interesting to note that the further Australia has gone from Christian values to ungodly ones, Australia has suffered the most severe droughts ever recorded followed by floods. The god of this world has blinded the eyes of a lot of people from the truth. We know the answer and that is people returning to the Lord. I have experienced the beginning of God starting to change things, over the last two Sundays there have been 30 people who have responded to the call to be born again. This is more than all of last year, God is certainly doing something new. The final **Verse** says: *“God shall bless us, and all the ends of all the earth shall fear Him ”*. I am so excited from hearing reports from all over the world that God is beginning to move again. This Psalm encourages us to continually praise our God with an earnest attitude to always glorify God. We live at a time when we can live by the truth of this Psalm and see the greatness of our God manifested where we live. This is a time to put the past behind us and live in the now power of God because He desires to see His Glory all over the earth.

Chapter 4 Psalm 71

While most commentaries suggest that this psalm was written by David the fact is, we do not know, however, because the first two verses are identical to Psalm 31 which was written by David suggests that David wrote this psalm. The title of this Psalm is “God the rock of Salvation”, The use of the word rock is mainly associated with a strong foundation and that is so true about God. He is the only strong foundation that we can experience and build our spiritual life. **Verse 1** says: *“In you, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be put to shame”*. The psalmist in this verse shows the human side of his trust in the Lord, while he declares his trust in the Lord, there is part of him that is uncertain as to whether God would protect him. Because of human weakness, this is a battle we face from time to time. The big issue is do we allow our feelings to dominate or do we act in faith because we believe in God. In **Mark 9** we read the story of a man who brought his demon-possessed son to the disciples to be healed but they could not heal the boy. Then the father brought his son to Jesus, we read in **Mark 9:23** *‘That Jesus said to the father “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes”*. The father replied in **Verse 24** *“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord I believe, help my unbelief”*. Jesus then healed the boy. This shows us that provided we keep on

going that is the true expression of our trust in the Lord. It is important the father and the psalmist were expressing their uncertainty to God, not to other people, this is an important lesson for us to learn. **Verse 2** says: *“Deliver me in your righteousness, and cause me to escape, incline your ear to me, and save me”*. While we do not know exactly the situation the psalmist was in, his trust was certainly in the Lord. The first thing that stands out in this verse is that he was depending on the character of God. Sometimes we allow our minds to wander and try to work out solutions in our understanding. We should always remember that the many aspects of God’s character never change, He is the same yesterday today and forever! At times through the business of life, there is a danger that we can forget the greatness of God’s character, so when that happens, we need to pause and remind ourselves of the greatness of our God. Also, the verse highlights that the psalmist is not ashamed to talk about his situation and how he is feeling, he desired to escape and knew that the Lord would save him. Over the years there have been times when I have been victorious by my strength, but I discovered that when that happened my relationship with my Lord suffered and it took time to restore that relationship, God wants us to have confidence in Him even when we see no way out. There are many scriptures

to encourage us to trust Him and when we believe His word and put our trust in Him, we see the goodness of God in our lives.

Chapter 4 Psalm 71 Part 2

The way that this psalm is written suggests that the psalmist was under attack, he was not experiencing life without major problems. Something that I have learned over my lifetime is that you do not know how great your trust in the Lord is until you experience severe situations that you cannot solve with your strength. It is good in these situations to declare your faith and trust in the Lord. The psalmist is no different for he declares in **Verse 3** *“Be my strong habitation, to which I may resort continually, you have the commandments to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress”*. Let us look at what he declares, He says that his God is his strong habitation, your habitation is the place where you live, so I ask myself the question ‘Where is my habitation’? The answer to this question exposes our basic understanding of what it takes to be a born-again believer! Being a Christian is not following a set of rules that if you keep them then you make God happy. But I describe my Christian life as living with Jesus, there is no part of my life that I do not take Jesus with me. The psalmist is saying the same thing only with different words, he calls God his strong habitation and his fortress. He knows that he is protected by the God with whom he lives. **Verse 4 says:** *“Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man”*. It should not surprise us that

at times we are affected by the godless world in which we live, a good example of this is how we suffered from the restrictions placed on us during the COVID-19 pandemic. While these restrictions were not pleasant, they did not stop us from living with Jesus because we knew that ultimately God was in control. The psalmist uses the words 'Wicked' and 'unrighteous' and 'Cruel' to describe the outworking of the god of this world and while they were a present threat it did not stop the psalmist from declaring his trust in his God. **Verse 5** declares: *"For You are my hope, O Lord God; you are my trust from my youth"*. When circumstances seem bleak and you feel under attack, this is the time to declare your trust in the Lord. Because this is the truth of our long-term relationship with the Lord. He is our hope always and we can trust Him. David said in **Psalm 27:13** *"I would have lost heart unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living"*. Also, **Psalm 46:1** says: *"God is our refuge and strength a very present help in time of trouble"*. When we trust our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we are trusting someone who is always with us. It is so encouraging to be reminded that God protects us and is with us now! In our life, we have nothing to fear because as a child of God, His presence and protection goes with us continually. It is so good to

be reminded that the title of this Psalm is “God the rock of my salvation”.

Chapter 4 Psalm 71 Part 3

Most bible commentators suggest that David wrote this psalm when he was being pursued by his son Absalom. This psalm exposes the dialogue that the psalmist has with his God, this highlights the essential aspects of talking to God at all times. This is something that most people need to learn because most people come to God when they have a need they cannot resolve. Many years ago, there was a book titled “Good Morning Holy Spirit”, the author wrote this is how he started each day with a conversation with the person of the Holy Spirit and that communication was how he lived every day. This is an area that I have grappled with most of my life and with perseverance am slowly being more effective in this area of my life. **Verse 6** says *“By you, I have been upheld from my birth; you are He who took me out of my mother's womb, my praise shall be continually of you”*. This is something we are to do when we are under pressure, for it is easy at times to forget, but this does not alter the truth. God has been with us from the time we were conceived. It is so good to realise that we are not alive by chance but we have been known by God since the early part of our life. The psalmist records that this understanding caused him to continually praise the Lord. When we live with this understanding our lives are full of praise to the Lord, and when we experience the

pressures of life, they do not overwhelm us because the Lord is our focus. **Verse 7** says: *I have become as a wonder to many, but you are a strong refuge*". Sometimes the difficulties that we face cause other people to say that the Lord has forsaken us but we know better because our Lord is a strong refuge. **Verse 8** says *"Let my mouth be filled with your praise and with your glory all the day"*. This statement shows the depth of the psalmist's relationship and trust in the Lord. This relationship does not happen overnight but is learned by continually trusting in the Lord even when we do not understand what is happening to us. This has been my situation during the last few years of the pandemic. We have suffered seasons of lockdown and when we could not go to church and when we were allowed to attend church, the restrictions imposed could have caused attending church an unpleasant experience. Despite these difficulties, we have been victorious and this year the Lord is moving in a mighty way in His church. Now we come to the part where the psalmist talks to the Lord about the situation that he is experiencing. **Verses 9-11** say *"Do not cast me off in my old age; do not forsake me when my strength fails. For my enemies speak against me, and those who lie in wait to take my life take counsel together, saying 'God has forsaken him, Pursue and take him, for there is none to deliver him"*". The psalmist did

not stay in the situation of listening to what others were saying because his confidence was in his God and he would not allow the pressure of circumstances to change his unshakeable belief in the goodness of his God.

Chapter 4 Psalm 71 Part 4

It is interesting to acknowledge that what we feel at times does not change the nature of God. But having said that as I consider my lifetime there have been times when I have felt that God was a long way from me and was not interested in me. This just highlights how careful we have to be in controlling our thoughts. This is where it is essential to bring our thoughts into captivity and not let them aimlessly wander. David was no different for he wrote in **Verse 12&13** *“O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! Let them be confounded and consumed, who are the adversaries of my life; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour who seek my hurt”*. When he was under extreme pressure his feelings told him that God had abandoned him, Then David acknowledged his wrong feelings and although people were still trying to kill him, he did not want his enemies to die but to be found out and dishonoured for the action they had taken. This displays the nature of a ‘man after God’s own heart’. When we feel down, we mustn't stay there, so listen to what David said in **Verses 14 &15** *“But I hope continually and will praise you more and more, my mouth shall tell of your righteousness and your salvation all the day”*. David’s attitude reminds me of the words of a hymn which are “Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done”.

All of us have been blessed and it is good to remind ourselves of the goodness of God in our lives. David did not deserve to be hunted like an enemy especially since he was the King, even though what had happened was not right, when he got over the initial shock, he declared his belief in his God. He said that he would praise his Lord more and more. This is such a word of encouragement to us in this season in which we are now living. Because we have been through a season that we have never experienced before. The church has been under such attack, trying to make it ineffective but that attack has failed for we are experiencing the Lord rebuilding His church and moving in a new way. David continued in **Verse 16** *“I will go in the strength the Lord God; I will mention of your righteousness, of you only”*. I am encouraged by the decision that David makes and I am reminded that I am a product of the choices that I have made, I have decided to continue to live with Jesus. I do not apologise for this because I have found living with Jesus over my lifetime has been so good. David states in this verse *“I will go”*, he was not going to stay in the situation forced upon him, but he was living in the strength of his God. David had loved his God since being a shepherd boy and he was not going to change. I am saddened that when people become older, they do not express their passion for their Lord to other people. I

believe because I have experienced the goodness of God over my lifetime, now is the time to encourage the next generation to be passionate about the Lord.

Chapter 4 Psalm 71 Part 5

As we are continually inspired by this psalm, I am encouraged by the way David uses past experiences to encourage himself in the pressure he felt as King of Israel. **Verse 17** says: *“O God, you have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare your wondrous works”*. I can identify with David because I was born again 2 weeks before my 15th birthday and that life-changing experience I have never regretted or departed from in these 68 years. I am so thankful for what God has taught me over the years and is still teaching me. I have always been passionate about the Lord and have desired to live a life that is well pleasing to Him. I could spend the rest of this part relating situations of God’s blessing in my life. David was anointed King of Israel when as a teenager the only experience he had was looking after his father’s sheep and worshipping his God. The Bible says that David was a man after God’s own heart. One example of how God provided for us was after we were married and expecting our first child, and Barbara had to finish work because she was pregnant. The next week because of the Australia-wide financial crisis I was told that from next week my hours of work would be halved. I was devastated and did not know how I could tell Barbara the bad news, for reasons I cannot remember on my way home from work that day I visited a shop and as I came

out of the shop met my brother who asked if I knew anyone who was looking for a position as a draftsman because the company, he worked for was desperate for one. To my surprise, I was working at this new job two days later so I never suffered any lack of income, that was a miracle that I have never forgotten. That experience helped me when later in life I faced major challenges I knew God would look after us. David said that he would declare God's wondrous works and this is a good habit to have always talked about the goodness of God in our lives. When you do this not only you are blessed but you help the people you are in contact with by your Godly encouragement. **Verse 18** says: *"Now also when I am old and grey-headed, O God, do not forsake me until I declare Your strength to this generation, your power to everyone who is to come"*. It is interesting that as David realised that he was getting older he wondered if he could be effective for God as an older person, I suspect that every person who is getting older wonders the same thing. He wanted God to be with him while he encouraged and declared God's goodness to the next generation. He also declared this in **Psalms 92:14** which says: *"They shall bear fruit in their old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing"*. This has certainly been my experience over the last 8 years, I have written 5 books and my weekly blog is seen by over 300 people each week all around the world. In

this season of my life, I consider it a privilege to be able to encourage so many people about the greatness of God in my life. Whether I was young and now am a lot older God has been faithful all my life and He is worthy to be praised.

Chapter 4 Psalm 71 Part 6

As we continue with this psalm, I am reminded of the battle that we have – will I be controlled by what our spirit sees or will I be controlled by what our natural eyes see? The Bible reminds us that although we live in the world, we do not live by the world's standards (**Colossians 2:20**). This is so apparent having gone through this pandemic, it has taken great discipline not to be sucked into the world's misery. Although David was going through one of his greatest trials his focus was on the Lord. **Verse 19** says: *“Also your righteousness O God, is very high, you have done great things; O God, who is like You?”* He declares that the principles of God are very high! This is something that is so easy to forget and we must remind ourselves that we are not like other people, we have a different perspective on how to live. We must be very careful to allow humility to be the dominating characteristic of the way that we live. While God never condemns and loves everyone so as people who claim to love God, all people around us should see the character of God in us and be attracted to Him. Sadly, when I was growing up that is not the message that was preached, sinners were condemned and told that

they were going to hell, while this may be true it is the Holy Spirit's responsibility to convict people of their sins. The psalmist understood that God's standards were very high and that you can only live by them when you submit yourself to Him. Next, he declares about God "You have done great things", this is one of my greatest pleasures when I remind myself of the great things that God has done in my life. May I never get too busy to stop and reflect on His greatness? Then the Psalmist makes such a profound statement "Who is like You?", There is no one like our God and this is something that we should never forget. David reveals in **Verses 20&21** his absolute confidence in God, "*You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, shall revive me again, and bring me up again from the depths of the earth, you shall increase my greatness and comfort me on every side*". Although David had experienced the greatest trial of his life being portrayed by his son, he recognised that God was with him. Although David could not understand why he was going through this major trial he knew he would come out the other side and the Lord would increase his greatness. One of the hardest trials you can experience is when you are betrayed by your

friends, when this happens you can come out the other side blessed when you go through the trial with the Lord. If you try to survive in your strength you come out the other side a bitter and angry person. I am so blessed to have such a Godly wife who helped me to go through a great betrayal and come out the other side loving the Lord in a greater measure. God is certainly the rock of my Salvation and I encourage everyone to experience the same blessing!

Chapter 4 Psalm 71 Part 7

I have been encouraged as I have read and allowed the truths of this Psalm to impact my life. It is so good to remind ourselves by reading God's Word, it is not like reading a storybook, because God's Word brings life to us when it is applied to the way that we live. This whole Psalm has been a declaration that God is the rock on which we build as stated in the first verse which says: *"In You, O Lord, I put my trust"*. Over my lifetime it has been so good to experience the goodness of God and the Psalmist was no different for he chose to bless the Lord in any way that he could. **Verse 22** says *"Also with the lute, I will praise you and your faithfulness, O my God! To you, I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel"*. I enjoy good soft music and use music to calm my emotions, King Saul did the same thing when he was feeling distressed, he was calmed by David playing his harp. There is a danger that we can carry this expectation to church, we do not attend church to enjoy the songs but it is a means to concentrate our praise and worship to the Lord. This is the Psalmist's attitude, for he said that he would use music to praise the Lord and to declare God's faithfulness. Going to church is not a choice but a necessity for my spiritual growth, I enjoy waking up Monday morning feeling so refreshed in my spirit after spending time worshipping the Lord the day before.

Verse 23 says: *“My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, and my soul, which you have redeemed”*. We cannot accidentally praise the Lord it is an act of our will, the Psalmist experienced great rejoicing when he sang to his God. This is a good habit to develop, every time we relax from what we are doing, our spirit rises in praise to the Lord, I found this to be most beneficial during my secular working life. **Verse 24** says: *“My tongue also shall talk of your righteousness all the day long; for they are confounded, for they are brought to shame who seek my hurt”*. David experienced victory over his enemies when he praised his Lord. I am reminded of the words of the song “Glory Jesus Glory, you do the fighting for me, Praise you Jesus praise you, with You, there is always victory”. It is so good to declare that the Lord is fighting for us, not our ability. May we always remember to continually praise the greatness of our God. It is such a pleasure to remind ourselves of the greatness of God for He is certainly the Rock of my Salvation. I am so glad to have taken the time to contemplate and reflect on what the Psalmist has declared in this Psalm.