

Pleasant Valley
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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Classes 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Classes 7:30 pm

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The Pleasant Valley Church of Christ is a non-denominational group of believers who are committed to following Jesus in our attitudes, our relationships, and our worship. If you want the same thing in your life, please contact us. We'd like to help.

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the New King James Version Bible, Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Wings



*"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31)*

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Only God

by David King

"My soul, wait silently for **God alone**, for my expectation is from Him. **He only** is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved" (Psa. 62:5-6).

This psalm, like so many that David wrote, gives advice on how to cope with the slings and arrows of enemies who "delight in lies" (v. 4). The simple answer, David says, is to look to God as our source of strength. Not just "a" source, but the **only** source. If we really want to deal successfully with the tormenting of the wicked, we must learn how to find refuge in God alone.

But that is so abstract. How do we find refuge in a Being whom we cannot see? David offers two clues to how this works.

First, we should "pour out (our) heart before Him" (v. 8). We should pray fervently to God, freely expressing to Him all our pain, all our frustration, all our fears, confident that He is listening — and cares.

Second, notice his statement that "God has spoken" (v. 11). We cannot see God, but He **has** spoken to us in His Word. In that source of instruction we can find advice on how to live, words of encouragement and hope, and examples to inspire us. God has not left us to figure this out on our own. We should drink deeply of this fount of wisdom.

So will this strategy make all our problems go away? No, probably not. That's why David provides one more piece of advice: "Wait silently" (v. 1, 5). If we are truly seeking refuge in God alone, then there is nothing more to do than to wait for Him to act.

Of course, that could take a lifetime. Since God does not operate on our timetable, we often take shortcuts to solve the problem ourselves. David warns against some of these shortcuts in verses 9-10. Let's look at them:

Some seek the companionship of "men of low degree." That is, they find comfort in the company of their peers, people who are struggling with all the same problems as they are. Misery loves company—but it's still miserable.

Others seek the approval of "men of high degree." They look up to presidents, preachers, even celebrities, to protect them. They hang on every word, and swallow every empty promise, hoping the coattails will save them.

Some become so frustrated with the inequities of life that they take matters into their own hands; they resort to "oppression" and "robbery" to find satisfaction. If they feel they have been wrongfully treated, they will find a way to strike back. Their refuge is their own ability to force their will upon others.

Finally, some look to "wealth" as the answer to all their troubles. Money can buy anything, including happiness, revenge, or whatever else they need — or so they think. So they dedicate their lives to their possessions, hoping to find protection in their little empires.

But all these alternatives, David argues, are poor defenses against the schemes of the wicked. All have weaknesses that will expose us to further disappointment. Only God can provide a refuge that we can fully trust. He will not make our problems go away; but He **will** give us the strength to endure them.