



# “The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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*“In you, O Lord, I put my trust. Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness, and cause me to escape. Incline your ear to me and save me.”*

*“My mouth shall tell of your righteousness and your salvation all the day for I do not know their limits. I will go in the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of your righteousness, of yours only!”*

*“Also your righteousness, O God, is very high. You who have done great things; O God, who is like you?”*

*“My tongue also shall talk of your righteousness all the day long...”* Ps.71:1-2, 15-16, 19, 24

Within this untitled Psalm of David there are five significant references to the everlasting righteousness of God. These references surface from within David’s supplication for the Lord to deliver him from the reproach and contempt of his enemies. Therefore, this Psalm serves as an excellent reminder unto us when we find ourselves trapped within the seeming circumstance of the plight of the enemy’s advance against us. We will never be disappointed when we put our trust in the Lord. The everlasting righteousness of our Savior, the eternal Son of God, will ever be available to us in order to cause our complete escape from the enemy. When we pray, He will incline His ear to hear us and save us. Praise His Name!

The result of God’s so great salvation of our souls inevitably brings forth from us a continual testimony of how His infinite and saving righteousness has prevailed. The only righteousness whereby we are truly justified becomes the very pathway that we travel upon through this world. Hence it says that we go in the *strength* (or, more literally, the *victory*) of the Lord God. And, as we go on in the way everlasting, we remember to mention that our salvation is because of the justifying righteousness of the Lord for His righteousness is the *only* justifying righteousness that there is!

Only the righteousness of Christ as fulfilled in His baptism caused heaven so high to open, and the Holy Spirit to descend upon Him from so high a vantage point, and God the Father to pronounce about Him so high an accolade as He did (Mt.3:16-17). And, this great event was but one among so many countless others that were done on our behalf -- for our salvation by so righteous a Substitute. Micah, the prophet truly echoes Ps.71:19 when he concludes his contribution to the canon of scripture by declaring, “*Who is a God like you? Pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?*” Instead of us as lost sinners being cast away, Micah goes on to announce that our sins are by God cast into the depths of the sea. All glory to Christ Jesus, the sovereign Savior!

No small wonder that this grand subject becomes that which we speak of all day long. I would have to agree with Spurgeon when he spoke of his desire and zeal to testify to others about his salvation, “If there had been nobody else to hear me, I should have had to tell the cat!”

*For Christ's glory only!*  
*A. Carpenter*

## Skilled Hands and Serving Hearts

The Del-Haven summer camp season of 2005 having come and gone we have many reasons to rejoice in the Lord for all that He has done. For example, at the end of our last camp session we allowed Dick Burton and the Christ Prep Academy football team -- which is a Christian group of different home schooled teenagers -- use our facilities for a weekend of working and bonding together in the Lord. They did some much needed clearing away of brush, installing steps from the dormitory down toward the lake and painted the dining hall, four cabins and the restroom! All of this was accomplished in less than two days...and it rained on them on top of everything else. It's hard to think, over the last 50 years, of anything quite like this ever happening for us before. We praise God for sending these fellow warriors for Christ out our way.

Jim Palmer, one of our many friends from Sherwood Bible Church in North Kansas City came out and installed two new storm doors on our dormitory. Thank you so much, dear brother, for making yourself available to us...once again.

### Prayer Request

Dear friends, I do have a very special prayer request. Please be in prayer for my daughter, Kimberly. Pray for her soul. Space does not allow me to go into details about this need in this letter. If you wish for more information I would be glad to talk to any of you -- you only need to call me. But, please, pray that the Lord will graciously reveal Himself to her heart and life.

### Annual Banquet Scheduled for October

#### *Jehovah Jireh - God Our Provider*

Our annual banquet is scheduled for Friday evening, October 14th. It will be held once again at Pleasant Grove Bible Church, which is located at 4916 Lee's Summit Road in Kansas City, MO. The event will begin at 6:30 PM and we hope that you all will plan to be there. As always, you can expect good food, good music and good fellowship as we report the good things that God has done and is doing in spreading His good news through the ministry of Camp Del-Haven. Please come if you can.

### An Entry from the 2005 Staff Journal

To conclude, here is an entry that was made by Ron Bowman who once again gave of his time to be a cabin counselor at one of our camp sessions this year. Ron is also the secretary on our board of directors. He writes:

*Yesterday I was walking to the chapel for the afternoon Bible studies. As I was approaching the chapel, a voice from behind me quietly said, "I really like the Bible studies here at camp." I turned around and saw Kenyan. I told him I was very happy about that. His enthusiasm took me by surprise, but it made me feel like this week has been well worth the time spent here at Del-Haven."*

Please remember to pray for Kenyan and all the others like him whom the Lord has sent through the camp program and has attracted them away from the world and unto the Word. The warfare that rages around all of us is fierce, but the victory is in Jesus -- *"and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith"...*in Him.

*"The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord has made them both"* Pr.20:12