



“The Del-Haven Vision”

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

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(5) “My soul, wait thou upon only God; for my expectation is from Him. (6) He only is my rock and my salvation. He is my defense. I shall not be moved. (7) In God is my salvation and my glory. The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.” Ps.62:5-7

At the very cusp of the new year which no doubt is full of ambitious goals and desires for improvement these words from the Word may seem to come with an anticlimactic effect. But, it need not be that way at all. For it is from the Lord our God that all our expectations are given and fulfilled. In fact, from the original, the word so translated as *expectation* carries with it the idea of a binding cord that is in this context attached directly to the triune God from whom our expectations come. All true believing sinners are bound by Christ to God Almighty. Everything we hope for is from Him, and is in Him met with complete fulfillment.

He alone is the *rock* of our eternal *salvation*. On Christ the solid rock we stand -- all other ground is sinking sand! He is the rock on which we stand by the grace of faith for the total package of requirements that are needing to be met for the eternal salvation of our souls. It is all Christ Jesus and only Christ Jesus!

He is our impenetrable *defense*. It is He who stands between us and all our enemies. We are ever safe and secure with Christ Jesus the Lord as the defender of our souls. We cannot be moved because we cannot be reached! The Lord God being our defense literally means that He is our “high place”. As sinners redeemed and saved from all eternity we have been by Him exalted to where He, and He only, resides in sovereign ruling authority over all of

creation -- seen and unseen. How can we ever be moved from where the “*high and lofty one that inhabits eternity*” dwells! We are forever safe and secure in our everlasting surety, the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence, this Psalm goes on to declare: “In God is my salvation and my glory. The rock of my strength -- and my refuge -- is in God.”

This text begins and ends with the descriptive phrase, “*in God*”. And, in Him is our salvation -- which statement seems to be a little redundant, but it is not. There is communicated an additional aspect of salvation from this statement that is not there in the previous verse. Both words for *salvation* (the one in vs.6 and the one in vs.7) include the fact of our deliverance, but there is still yet a significant enough of a distinction that exists between these two. In the word translated as *salvation* in vs.6 there is also being declared our victory in Jesus. Whereas, in the word translated as *salvation* in vs.7 there is additionally being declared our liberty in Him. In Him is both our victory over the enemies of our souls and our freedom from their dominion and reign. Praise His Name!

The total abundance of the glory of the victory and liberty of our eternal salvation belongs only to God. He is indeed our strength and our shelter forevermore.

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

2010

The New Year has dawned. 2010 has arrived...and it has arrived for Del-Haven amidst a scene of icy cold wintry snow. Mobility and accessibility around Del-Haven is only being accomplished with four wheel drive. But, what a beautiful sight to behold in this winter wonderland all around us! [Note: a bad computer virus got hold of our computer and delayed this letter getting to you in the context that was planned, but praise the Lord we got it fixed...and here it is!]

Praises and Prayer Requests

There are so many reasons that we have for praising the Lord for the way in which He has manifested His presence and power throughout this past year that we can only look forward (as we are) with great expectations from Him for 2010. We definitely have to thank you all for your continual support in prayers for this ministry. Please do not stop. Prayer is the life-line of this ministry. We love to hear from you -- so please remember to also keep up with your communication with us; even if it is just a note, or a quick call of encouragement now and then.

Pray with us, also, as we endeavor to maintain an unbroken line of communication with all the children on our vast list of past campers. Many of these children will be coming back to us for this new years camp season...and from this list we hope to receive some real solid staff helpers for the future.



As we look forward to 2010 we also remember where we've been and count the testimonies of the Lord faithful and true throughout the years. We hope you enjoy these "throwback" pictures from earlier times at Camp Del-Haven.

Loan Payoff Due in May

Since the bank has been so kind as to give us yet another extension on the credit line note, we are diligently praying that our Lord will send in the funds for us to be able to pay off the \$63,296.00 balance before the new due date of May 15th -- and in so doing, preserve us from having to mortgage any of the property. Please remember to pray with us in this regard.

*"Trust in Him at all times, you people. Pour out your heart before Him.
God is a hiding place for us." Ps.62:8*