

### **The Ministry:**

- 1. Identifying crisis situations**
- 2. Put all things before the Lord**
- 3. Bring life into conformity with the Word of God**
- 4. Stay Yielded to the known will of God**
- 5. Remember--and honor--our heritage**

### **The Idea:**

**I have probably said enough about this in my introductory note but it is important to understand that we are not looking for a cure-all but for procedural guidelines that will help us in a time of trial. I might note that what is one person's trial is often not even a small problem to someone else but that is beside the point...our concern is to live spiritually in whatever seems a crisis to us and not to flee from a trial not to collapse before it but to live through it with a testimony for the Lord. And with that we can proceed.**

**I believe I was joined in ministry with Dr. Laman Strauss for this week and we discussed difficult Bible passages in the afternoon sessions. Dr. Strauss and I had been friends from Pennsylvania days and it was always a pleasure to be with him. So now we can proceed.**

## **MESSAGE # 1: IDENTIFYING CRISIS SITUATIONS**

**Biblical passage: Psalm 62**

### **I. Introduction to the Study:**

**This might seem like an unnecessary message but by crisis we mean times when things were critical and great threats hung over the testimony not just times when things were tough. You get that feeling in our psalm that the nature of things was so severe that the writer felt the need of special intervention from the Lord. The psalm itself does not give us the historical data we might like to have but in a general consideration of the Scriptures we can identify crises settings on certain lines and I will sketch them with great brevity and little elaboration.**

### **II. Discussion: Here, with appropriate Scripture references, are the sort of crisis experiences we have in mind:**