

## MESSAGE # 2: IN A TIME OF CRISIS: PUT ALL THINGS BEFORE THE LORD

Biblical passage: Psalm 62. Joshua 7:6,10,14-20; Isa 37, Acts 4:23,29

### I. Introduction to the Study:

This is such an obvious matter in the Bible that literally dozens of passages might be cited. The time of crisis may panic us but it should induce us to lay out everything before the Lord....not that He does not know everything, but we do not know everything so we simply put it all before Him in the expectation of His action. David's life, as reflected in Psalm 62, does this. He recognizes the presence of evil forces, he acknowledges his dependence of God and sees that the help which mere humans can provide is not good enough for the test. But listening to God, waiting for God, serving God....those are the things that answer the need. In putting all things before the Lord we are recognizing His authority, accepting His directorship, and yielding to His Spirit.

### II. Discussion: I suppose that we need to see what this means and how it is done even though that might seem obvious.

#### A. What does it mean---to put all things before the Lord?

In the nature of the psalm it is to confess our absolute dependence and to be open in the admission of our needs. It is a step of honesty which within ourselves and outwardly as well, sees the trust that we must have in the Lord. We are not calling on Him while secretly trying to solve our own dilemmas in our own way. Our admission is that He alone is our rock and foundation for living and action. We often have difficulty in being open with people but there is really no excuse for not being open with the Lord.

#### B. How do we do it?

Working from the psalm we confess our inability and we pray (see how Joshua met the challenge in the passage cited above). At the same time we prepare ourselves for His direction (waiting on God is standing prepared to serve or move at His will--it is not just standing around wistfully).