

the particular will. But both are involved in this discussion and the the life of the believer needs to be committed to both. The advice given in Psalm 62 is largely in verse 5-8 and the historic account of Numbers 25 will show how important the will of God is and what drastic measures may be needed sometimes in its execution.

II. Discussion: We can handle this matter in a more personal way by a short series of questions:

A. What is expected of the people of God?

Although the psalm does not say it in so many words, it seems apparent that what is expected of David (and of us in this later time) is that salvation would be valued for what it is and that we would love the Lord and honor His Word. One might compare it with the requirements of God as stated in Micah 6:8. God does not expect more of us than what He gives and in a time of crisis it is good to draw near to Him in love and obedience. Well, I guess those things are good at any time but especially--in a crisis moment.

B. How is the expectation fulfilled or achieved?

It is greatly aided by honoring the Word (v. 8) with a commitment to principles and trust. The importance of this in a time of crisis cannot be stressed too much since in such times we are often tempted to wild schemes of self-deliverance. We need to reaffirm the worship sentiments of the psalm and to believe the reality of verse 11. Our trust is further certified in v 12 when we confess to God that we will trust Him in all His administrative estates--particularly mercy and justice.

C. What is the blessing this conformity brings?

I suppose the victory gained in the Numbers account indicates the level or area of blessing in a very direct way. We see it in the concept that it brings assurance (doing what God wants is and ease to the conscience and a vitamin for the mind), leads to victory (perhaps not immediately but in the totality of things), and enables us to walk in a continuing fellowship with the Lord that is personally rewarding and life enhancing.

III. Conclusion: Bringing life into conformity with the will of God is not a