

MESSAGE # 5: REMEMBER, AND HONOR OUR HERITAGE

Biblical passage: Psalm 62, 61, 144

I. Introduction to the Study:

The psalmist does not register this so emphatically in Psalm 62 but hints at it in a general sense in v 8 and the refuge capacity of God. It is a very strong theme in all of the historical psalms as Israel recalls the Red Sea and the Egyptian deliverance and the general nature of this heritage is seen nicely in Psalm 61. The lessons from Israel's history were to strengthen her in the face of serious military and social challenges and while we live in a different age we learn from those things as well....and supplement it by the New Testament lessons and our own personal histories with the care of God. Thus when a crisis comes it is important to remember who we are, what God has done and what we mean to Him. There is enormous strength and encouragement in that and if we make Him our first resource, we will discover that we need no other.

II. Discussion: A short memory is no friend in a time of trial...I mean by that it is important to have a long memory on the work of God and then to understand these concepts.

A. The Lord is our Heritage.

In Romans 8 we read that we are joint heirs with Christ and in Psalm 62 that He is our refuge, our rock, and our source of strength. I have said that so often.....but it is something we dare not forget. He gives us hope for deliverance and power. He enacts justice in due course (v 12). He is our God---not that we own Him but that He owns us. Human inheritances don't always work out and human heritage can be downright disappointing. But in the Lord there is no failure or shortcoming and no lacking what is needed for His people. "Trust in Him at all times" says the writer and we echo a heart "Amen" to that exhortation.

B. We know it by His promise

The promise of God to be faithful and to keep His people is witnessed in a number of traumatic points of the Old Testament