

Where should we find our confidence?

**The Psalms are a sign pointing us to
biblical worship.**

Observations about Psalms of Confidence:

- 1) They often follow psalms of lament (Psalms of Lament) and *Psalms of Confidence*: (6) 7, (10) 11, 12, (22) 23, (26) 27, (60) 61, 62, (69) 70, 71, (90) 91, (120) 121
- 2) They often employ striking metaphors

God as Security:

**O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge;
save me from all my pursuers and deliver
me, lest like a lion they tear my soul apart,
rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.**

- Psalm 7:1-2

God as Security:

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- *Psalm 23:4*

God as Security:

**For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him. He only is my rock
and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be
shaken. On God rests my salvation and my
glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

- Psalm 62:5-7

God as a Warrior:

Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

- *Psalm 3:7*

God as a Warrior:

If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts.

- *Psalm 7:12-13*

God as a Warrior:

But God shoots his arrow at them; they are wounded suddenly. They are brought to ruin, with their own tongues turned against them; all who see them will wag their heads.

- *Psalm 64:7-8*

What do the Psalms of Confidence teach us about worship?

The Psalms of Confidence teach us to ...

- 1) Rest in God's Presence**
- 2) Rely on God's Protection**
- 3) Remember God's Promises**

Resting in God's presence:

**You make known to me the path of life; in
your presence there is fullness of joy; at
your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

- Psalm 16:11

Resting in God's presence:

**Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me
take refuge under the shelter of your wings!
Selah**

- Psalm 61:4

Relying on God's protection:

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole
being rejoices; my flesh also dwells
secure. For you will not abandon my soul to
Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

- Psalm 16:9-10

Relying on God's protection:

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

- Psalm 62:1-2

Remembering God's promises:

**The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me
in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful
inheritance.**

- Psalm 16:5-6

Remembering God's promises:

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.**

- Psalm 23:6

Remembering God's promises:

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

- Psalm 121:1-2

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God's Promises (Psalm 91:14-16):

- I will *deliver* him ...
- I will *protect* him ...
- I will *answer* him when he calls ...
- I will *be with* him in trouble ...
- I will *rescue* him ...
- I will *honor* him ...
- I will *satisfy* him *with long life* ...
- I will *show him my salvation* ...

**The Psalms of Confidence teach us to find
our confidence in Jesus Christ**

Because of Jesus ... we can rest in God's presence:

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

– Matthew 11:28-30

Because of Jesus ... we can rely on God's protection:

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

- John 10:10-11

**Because of Jesus ... we can remember
God's promises**

Hello everyone, one day post-transplant and I am amazed by how well I feel. In comparison to how I felt day one after my last transplant the difference is night and day. So once again I sit here attributing my well-being to the skill and knowledge of my medical team but ultimately to the miraculous guidance of our ultimate healer, God.

I feel strong and ready for my post-transplant recovery process. I anticipate good days and bad days ahead. I anticipate surges forward as well as setbacks. I greatly appreciate the prayers and encouragement I have experienced thus far. Moving forward I ask for continued prayers and encouragement.

I know God will continue to protect and provide through this all. I also know that when setbacks and bad days happen that nothing surprises God and I find that to be extremely comforting.

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