



INTO THY HAND

PSALM 31

- This prayer, at least in spirit, has been echoed by so many throughout the Bible. Time and time again, God has proven His power over earthly circumstances and delivered His people from their trials:
- David, just a man with a few rocks in his pocket, defeated a nine foot champion of mortal combat.
- Noah was delivered safely through the flood.
- Peter strolled out of a prison cell with an angel at his side TWICE (Acts 5:19, 12:5ff).
- Gideon saw God's power on display. So did Jephthah, Joshua, Hezekiah, Nehemiah, and so many others!

A dark, moody landscape of mountains under a cloudy sky. The mountains are dark and rugged, with some snow or light-colored patches. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, creating a somber and dramatic atmosphere. The overall tone is dark and atmospheric.

**GOD CAN SAVE
US FROM OUR
TRIALS**

SO, WHY DOESN'T HE ALWAYS DO IT?

WHAT ABOUT...

- John the Baptist? Abel? Job (at least, not at first)? Jeremiah? James, the brother of John?
- What about faithful saints who were tortured, stoned, sawn in two, put to death by the sword, being destitute and mistreated, living in caves (Hebrews 11:35ff)?
- And then there's Jesus, who quoted Psalm 31 only moments before taking His last breath (Lk. 23:46).

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- It's easy to assume Psalm 31 is all about deliverance from earthly circumstances — “Heal my sickness”, “defeat my enemies”, “help me get that job”, “fix this problem” — Jesus clearly wasn't asking God for something earthly.
- He wasn't asking for deliverance from the soldiers, since He could do that at any moment (Lk. 4:30). He also wasn't asking for deliverance from the pain, spitting, and insults, since His physical death was imminent.
- He didn't need deliverance from DYING — He needed deliverance from DEATH!



THE NET

In Psalm 31:4, the writer mentions being pulled from the net. But which one? The net that a human can't save me from! A doctor can, in many cases, save a person from dying. An army can save a country from demise.

A few people working together can save a child from a well or a dolphin from a fishing line.

But what is the one "net" that leaves us truly helpless? Death.

Jesus' prayer just before His death was not a cry for deliverance from His immediate earthly circumstances, but a display of His faith in the resurrection! "Into Thy hands I commit My SPIRIT."



HEBREWS 11:17-19



REVELATION 1:18

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2 TIMOTHY 1:12