

Rest in God's Refuge

A New Year Pastoral Plea

INTRO: *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 62 reminds Believers that God, and He alone, is our only true refuge when the enemy attacks.*

- I. God desires to be the Believer's _____ when attacked (1-8).** *David was facing a possible coup but knew that his only true refuge against his attackers was God.*
- II. Believers will be tempted to seek _____ in less-secure places like _____ and _____ (9-10).** *While counsel from others is encouraged in Scripture, it must be rejected when it conflicts with Scripture. Likewise, money is necessary for commerce, but idolizing it leads to all kinds of evil.*
- III. _____ in God as your New Year _____ when attacked (11-12).** *NT Believers should rest in three areas of God's character in the New Year.*
- A. Rest in God's _____.** *El Shaddai is capable of everything (Jeremiah 33:27).*
- B. Rest in God's _____.** *Our covenant relationship guarantees that EVERYTHING that God allows to us has a glorifying and sanctifying purpose (Romans 8:28-30).*
- C. Rest in God's _____.** *God will not be mocked; justice will be served in proper time (Galatians 6:7).*