



# "The Del-Haven Vision"

"Without vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18)

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*"Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation. (2) He only is my rock and my salvation. He is my defense. I shall not be greatly moved. (5) My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. (8) Trust in Him at all times, you people. Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah."* Ps.62:1,2, 5,8

This Psalm of David is an emphasis on the fact that God, and God alone, is the Savior and sustainer of the true believer. Three times is this truth alluded to in these four verses. The very first time is seen in the very first word: "Truly". For this word in Hebrew means, in essence, "only". Hence, the regenerated soul in a quiet stillness waits only on God for deliverance.

Verse two serves well to substantiate this fact for it repeats, "He only is my rock and my salvation,". The use of "rock" as a metaphor is not uncommon in scripture, and it is from 1Cor.10 that we are plainly told, "...and that Rock was Christ". Therefore, the fact that Christ, alone, is our refuge and salvation is what is being pointed out to us from this phrase. He is our (lit.) strong tower of defense, and in Him we will not be "greatly moved". Christ is our anchor (He.6:19) that holds on to our ship even in the midst of the turbulent tempests of this world so that we are not just swept away.

The first phrase of vs.1 is, in essence, repeated in vs.5, but this time it is faith's "expectation" that is focused upon. The Hebrew imagery here is that of an unbreakable cord of attachment that is in existence between the Lord and His saved ones. In other words, that which we long for, that which can only come from God, and God alone, is not only desperately desired, but also, even, expected to arrive. The expectation of our salvation is what we wait for from our Savior and He cannot -- He will not -- let us down. Praise His Name!

In vs.1 when it says that our soul silently waits only for God, it is slightly different from the first phrase of vs.5 that says, "my soul wait silently for God alone". The word for wait in vs.5 conveys an additional image of stopping and standing still until the next movement becomes completely sure. The Believer's certain expectation is whatever God's eternal purpose and decree will ultimately unfold to be. And, vs.8 reveals to us that the word silently does not exclude prayer. Every trial that brings with it uncertainty is an opportunity for the believer to meet the situation with earnest importunity in pouring out their heart before the presiding throne of grace.

Hence, we see that waiting upon God is a characteristic of what the word means by walking by faith. Faith is a grace that overcomes the world, and it comes from only one source and rests upon only one object -- God, the Lord and Savior. Genuine faith always provides for Christ's sheep that sweet oasis of comfort in the midst of a worldly wilderness of troubles that is described by the last phrase of vs.8 which so aptly says: "God is a refuge for us".

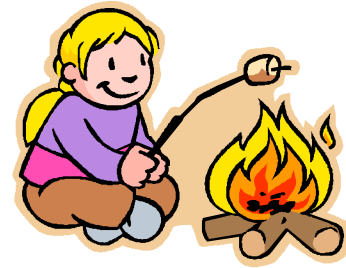
*For Christ's glory only!  
A. Carpenter*

*"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord"* Ps.27:14

## Camp Dates Set for 2006

This year's season of camps has six sessions on the schedule:

Session I June 19 -- June 22  
Session II June 26 -- June 29  
Session III July 10 -- July 13  
Session IV July 17 -- July 20  
Session V July 24 -- July 27  
Session VI July 31 -- Aug. 3



What the different age groups will be for each one of the camp sessions has not yet been prayerfully determined. It is our special expectation, however, to have Mary Kay Beard with us in July to teach the Bible classes to the older girls camps. If the Lord wills for this to happen then her presence will greatly influence whatever those particular sessions will end up being. Please pray with us toward this goal.

## Glory of Christ Bible Conference

Also, our Glory of Christ Bible Conference ministry may include two conferences this year instead of just one. We have had many requests to try to do this. The blessing that is received by those that have attended our conferences over the last seven years has prompted this endeavor. Therefore, we have scheduled our first conference for 2006 to take place April 20 -- April 22. The format for the conference remains the same as we have done each year so far. There will be two speakers for Thursday and Friday evenings and then a Saturday breakfast fellowship with group interaction followed by two final sessions to fill out that Saturday morning. The conference will wind up by noon on Saturday. We have Dr. Gary Long, Jim Elliff and Pastor Tony Buford on the speaking docket. Dr. Long plans to deliver three messages centering on the revelation of God's glory in the Son. The whole event will take place at the Summit Woods Baptist Church in Lee's Summit, MO. We will also have available a wonderful book table with great books at bargain prices. You won't want to miss this truly spiritually stimulating event. Please remember to pray with us for our Lord's continual guidance and blessing.

## Del-Haven Cookbook

Del-Haven board member Christina Morton would like to enlist your help for a special project. She asks: *How would you like to help put together the first ever Camp Del-Haven Cookbook? You can by sending us four or more of your favorite recipes. It can be any kind of recipe. It can be one for an appetizer, or a main dish. It might even be a special recipe for bread, or a dessert, or even a healthy drink! But, we need to begin as soon as possible in compiling them all together so that by the time we have our annual banquet this year we can present our finished product for sale. Of course all the proceeds will go toward the ministry needs of Camp Del-Haven. You may send your recipes to me at 425 Shamrock Dr., Marshall, MO 65340; or, e-mail them to me at 3mortons@sbcglobal.net. Let's target a deadline by June 1st and see what we can put together.*

