



# “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.” Ps.62:1-2,5*

Waiting upon God is very often such an exasperating experience for our flesh. When things do not happen according to a desired and even planned time, anger and frustration rise to being very close to the surface of the flesh. And, the reason this is so is because waiting on the Lord truly is a spiritual exercise. One would not normally think of it as an exercise because where the flesh is concerned, waiting usually means sitting or standing around and doing nothing. But, in truth, when a child of God is in waiting mode before their heavenly Father, they are typically in constant and earnest prayer -- pouring out their fears and doubts and pleas for help.

The opening word, “truly”, is the same word as “only” in vs.2, and “alone” in vs.5. In fact, from the old King James the first phrase of vs.5 is rendered: “My soul, wait thou only upon God”. This word connotes something more than just solely. It carries with it an added substance of firmness and assurance. It emphasizes a certainty that is beyond the reach of doubt. Hence, Spurgeon says, “That faith alone is true which rests on God alone, that confidence which relies but partly on the Lord is vain confidence.”

For the flesh, however, waiting with constant expectancy upon God alone for circumstantial deliverance is a most uncomfortable refining occurrence. Zech.13:9 speaks of the way that God, the great Shepherd, deals with His sheep: “I will bring the third part through the fire; will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘This is my people’; and each one will say, ‘The Lord is my God’.”

The fire of circumstantial trial and tribulation becomes intense with frustration in the flesh, but it serves to enhance the earnest desire of the Spirit to seek after God, and God alone, to deliver...and, He always does. It is this God sent tribulation that He uses to instrumentally work into us the patience that we need, but so often lack.

Another interesting word in Ps.62:5 is the word, “from”. The phrase is, “For my expectation is from Him”. This word literally means “a part of” Him. It, therefore, is descriptive of the filial union that spiritually exists between the child of God and their heavenly Father. He, Himself, is our deliverance! He, Himself, is our hope! And a sure and certain hope He is unto His people. There is no wishing being conveyed here, but rather expectation. We can say with the Psalmist, “He only is my rock and my salvation. He is my defense. I shall not be greatly moved”. Praise the Lord!

For Christ's glory only!  
A. Carpenter

## Prayer Requests

Well, dear ones, with the wet weather we have been having, and the mishaps with the company we have hired to put in the new water lines and rebuild our lake, to say that in the flesh we are frustrated and angry is an understatement. We need your earnest prayers for the Lord's leading in these matters. The beginning of camp is less than a month away and we feel that we need these things to be accomplished. Pray that the Lord will, once again, provide us a real testimony of His involvement in the completing of these necessary projects.

Also, if you will, be in prayer for the responses of the children from the Kansas City area. The school district has for a few years now been paying the families of the kids to send them to summer school. The money that they receive has become quite an enticement...and, the children cannot come to camp and go to summer school at the same time. This has put a damper on much our responses to invitations for children to come to camp. Pray with us that the Lord will prevail over this situation even in these financially trying times.

## Glory of Christ Bible Conference

I want to give yet another reminder of our Glory Of Christ Bible Conference on June 12-14. It will take place at Sovereign Grace Baptist Church which is located at 6820 E. Truman Rd. in Kansas City, MO. Details of speakers and sessions can be found on our website: [campdel-haven.org](http://campdel-haven.org)

I will probably send out a more promotionally oriented notice to you in early June for this grand event. You won't want to miss this. It will be a wonderful time and a great blessing from the Lord.

*Here are some photos of some of our special friends from Cedar Ridge Evangelical Free Church of Harrisonville and from Red Bridge Baptist Church in Grandview who came out on a dreary partially rainy day and tackled some preparatory work projects that needed to be done. Thank you dear Lord for sending these helpers our way! This is so-oo encouraging!*



*“And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you.” Ps.39:7*