**Psalm 62:1-7 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. 3 How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence. 4They only consult to cast *him* down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly. *Selah* 5My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation *is* from Him. 6He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense; I shall not be moved. 7In God *is* my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, *And* my refuge, *is* in God.**

This is the second week of Advent – we lit the candle of Hope today. God is our Hope of Eternal Salvation. We have no other Hope than in Jesus Christ. Last week, we agreed that we must first have Faith in our Restorer before we can have any Hope in that Restoration.

Verse 1 says *Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.* My soul waits in the stillness for only God. That’s the idea here. We wait in silence so we can hear the still small voice. 1 King 19:11-12 says *And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.* And we know that Elijah found God in the still small voice. Do we get silent before God, listening for that still small voice? Or are we busy telling Him all about our troubles? From Him comes my salvation – my victory, my deliverance – when I wait and listen.

Verse 2 *He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.* God is our rock, our deliverance. He is my defense. This has the idea of a high tower or lofty place – well defended. God is our defense, and He is the reason that we shall not be shaken or greatly moved. Our trust is in Him, even when we see trouble spread out as far as the eye can see. Remember Elisha’s servant – seeing the enemy across the valley – having his eyes opened and seeing the hills full of horses and chariots of fire. Never doubt that God has us surrounded in salvation, even as the world threatens.

Verses 3 *How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.* David shifts his view to the people attacking. He knows that God will slay his enemies. It’s a matter of time before they are slain – literally dashed into pieces – falling like a leaning wall or a tottering fence.

Verse 4*They only consult to cast him down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly. Selah.* In Luke 22:4 we read *So he (Judas) went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them.* The chief priests sought to cast Jesus down, through lies. Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss, which was a sign of respect and blessing in that time; yet, his was a kiss of betrayal, cursing Christ inwardly while pretending to bless Him outwardly.

Verse 5*My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.* Hope! My soul waits in stillness for God alone – the word translated alone here is translated truly in verse 1 and only in verse 2 – God is our only Hope through Jesus Christ. He alone saves. Our expectation, our hope is in Him and Him alone. Our eyes are expectantly searching the skies, praying for the Master to return and find us waiting and watching and working. That, my friends, is Hope! True Hope.

Verse 6 *He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.* Notice how verses 5 & 6 repeat verses 1 & 2. Repetition in the Bible tells us to pay attention. It’s saying – this is important! Look closely! Repeating a theme is a way of telling us that this is an assurance from God. He is our rock, our salvation, our high and mighty tower. We shall not be moved, like a tree planted by the rivulets of water, with our roots deep in the soil. The wind may rage, the storms may beat, but our house will not collapse… because we are built upon the Rock of Eternal Salvation and not the shifting sands of the world. Those upon the Rock need not fear leaning walls or tottering fences or collapsing houses. We wait silently for God to speak.

Verse 7 *In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.* Verse 7 sums up verses 1,2, 5, & 6. The word In there can mean Upon – Upon God is found my deliverance, prosperity, freedom – that sounds like Hope to me. In Him I find my glory! The rock of my strength. The shelter I depend on. All this is found in God and God alone through Jesus Christ.

This week – let’s meditate on the Faith we have, and the Hope we have, in the Restorer Jesus Christ, who Hebrews 10:19-22 tells us is our way to enter the Kingdom of God *Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.* He is our Hope. He alone restores. Let us wait with Faith and Hope, as we watch the sky for Christ’s second coming. Maybe today is the day – our Rock, our Glory, our Strength, our Peace, our Salvation, our Defense, our Refuge – will split the sky and we will fly home with Him to live eternally.