



July 19, 2011 - Psalm 56:4

Hi Everyone,

Lately God has really been calling me to look at Him. Our next verse in Psalm 56 is just one more way that God is drawing my eyes upward. It seems that everywhere I turn lately, that is God's message to me. We are so prone to look outward, but I am seeing more and more that God calls us to look upward. God speaks clearly, if we will just take the time to listen. Let's look at our verse.

In the NASB, Psalm 56:4 reads:

**"In God whose Word I praise, in God I have put my trust,
I shall not be afraid, what can mere man to do me?"**

Verse 4 is hard to understand if we don't link it with verse 3. Remember, in verse 3 David said, **"When I am afraid I will put my trust in Thee."** So now, the first half of his words to follow in verse 4 are statements of who **"Thee"** is. They are statements of why he is putting his trust in God.

"In God whose Word I praise"

"Thee" is the **"God whose Word David praises."** I wish David had told us more... like why He praises God's Word. Like why God's Word has had a strong impact on him and brought forth praise out of his mouth. I would love to know more! I know for me, I praise God for His Word because I have found it to be true and right and comforting, and a light for my path. I have found it nourishes me and speaks LIFE to me. These are just some of the reasons why I praise God for His Word. And this faith in His Word is one of the reasons I can put my trust in God. It is one of the reasons I can look up at Him. What about you?

"In God I have put my trust"

"Thee" is the **"God in whom he has put his trust."** This is basically another declaration of trust in the Lord. It is a declaration of "Who" David's God is. It might seem repetitive, but I like that David says it again. Sometimes we just have to tell ourselves "Who" our God is. Sometimes we have to just repeat it to ourselves. We have to look up; we trust in the Lord!

Once David has established why he is trusting in the Lord, he makes a statement that is also good for us to repeat to ourselves. He says, "**I shall not be afraid, what can mere man do to me?**" Sometimes we lose perspective and begin to think of man as stronger than the Lord. David obviously had lost perspective as he struggled to trust God, but he gets it spot on in this statement. Man compared to God is nothing! As long as our trust is in God Almighty, we have nothing to fear in man. Oh, to remember that always and to always look up!

There is a good word for us in Psalm 56:4... we need to know why we are trusting in the Lord. Take a moment today and make your own statements of why. As I look up at Him today, I am going to do the same.



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