

Trusting in God

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Sing: Psalter 132:1, 2

Read: Psalm 125

Sing: Psalter 354:1 - 4

Sing: Psalter 356:3

Sing: Psalter 71:1, 4, 5

Congregation, our meditation will be on Psalm 125. The focus of this psalm is "Trusting In God."

We ask your attention for three thoughts:

1. The meaning of trusting in God.
2. The strife associated with trusting in God.
3. The basis of the trust in God.

1. The meaning of trusting in God

Beloved, in whom, or in what, do you put your trust? In your health? In your economic predictions? In your own thoughts about the future? Do you put your trust in your husband, in your wife, in your children, or in your parents?

Do you know what we always trust in? In our own evil heart. Our evil heart is the source of corrupt communication. Without any qualms we play down the exceeding sinfulness of sin. We have no qualms saying that things will be fine even though we depart from God's Word. We dare to say, "There is no point making a fuss about those things! After all, just look around you, and one thing will be quite clear: Everybody else does it, too! Would it then really be so bad? Would the whole world then really be so anti-God? Would sin really be that awful? If everybody commits certain sins, then it is not really an issue if we do it, too, is it?"

That is how we reason, but do you realize that there will come a time when we will have to die? We will have to meet God. And then ...? Do you realize that eternity is waiting?

The Scripture text for our meditation asks our attention for one of the Songs of Degrees, the songs of ascent, the pilgrims' songs. This psalm begins with, "*They that trust in the LORD.*" This makes it clear that not everybody trusts in the Lord. Trusting in the Lord is not a common characteristic of man. It is not a general human trait. We already said when we meditated on Psalm 124 that many people trust in science. Science is the basis for presumptuous man to analyze and prove things. He trusts in the results of science and trusts that they are true. But is *that* worth our trust? Bear in mind that what we are dealing with concerns things of eternity. It concerns things that will not fade away. Are you then really going to trust in yourself? Unfortunately, we indeed do that all too often. That is our pride! But those who trust in the Lord are rich; they put their hope in God.

There are many things in life that can hurt and give us trouble. Equally, there are many things which divert us from putting our trust unconditionally in God. One person says this, and another person says that. A third person attacks us or causes us to stumble. At times these experiences can make one completely numb because of what people have done unto us. Such wounds are painful and hurt every day. After all, our souls are not covered by a layer of callousness. It can also be that our heart becomes as hard as a rock because of the misery that other people heap upon us, and we become cynical and accusing.

In contrast, here we may witness a beautiful confession, "*They that trust in the LORD.*" By nature this trust in God is not in man's heart. No matter where we go, if we were to visit your home, or the homes of your neighbours, or the home of whomever in the country, irrespective of whether they are rich or poor, nowhere we will find this trust in God in man's heart as he is by nature. We are all gone out of the way, we are together become unprofitable (see Romans 3:12). Whether we realize this is another question. We always tend to judge ourselves to be better than what the Lord shows us in His Word. The Lord is crystal clear in His Word that there is none that seeks Him. By nature, there is not one who trusts in Him, or who relies on Him alone.

This is the awful reality, boys and girls. But it is the Lord Himself who says this of you and me. Have you already seen that by nature you do not seek God? That you have departed from Him? Oh yes, when I am sick, He is the One who is supposed to make me better. Or when things in my life are really heating up and I am getting into big difficulties, He is the One who is supposed to quench those fires. But, is that seeking the Lord in a sincere and upright way? Be honest now! Or did the Lord perhaps confront you exactly on this issue? In that case you will have experienced that in reality you are a friend of the world, a friend of Satan, and an enemy of God. The Lord entered your life, and your baptized forehead could no longer help you. You may perhaps have previously listened to scriptural-experiential sermons with a certain outward enjoyment, but you came to realize that, *“Riches profit not in the day of wrath”* (Proverbs 11:4).

The Lord showed you that exactly the opposite was true, that is, you did not trust in the Lord. You realized that you did not reckon with eternity. This became your confession before God:

*I once was a stranger to grace and to God,
I knew not my danger, and felt not my load.*
(Robert Murray M’Cheyne)

This becomes the experience of all God’s children. We live by what we see, touch, and feel. How hard man tries to justify his sins! We are masters in adjusting the Bible and its testimony for our convenience. We belittle the seriousness of sin; we let God’s compassion compromise God’s justice and thus create a God after our own liking. That is something! This clearly shows our distrust of God and His Word.

Let me say it again, *“They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion.”* Yes, the pilgrims who sing this Psalm do put their trust in the Lord. Why is it that they, in contrast to so many others, do trust in the Lord? No, that did not happen by chance. They did not pick it up from reading something somewhere. And neither did they think of it themselves. Putting their trust in the Lord is something

they have learned through His Word and Spirit. These pilgrims learned it when the Lord showed them that He punishes iniquity. In fact, this was the first act of trusting the Lord they learned. They confessed, “Truth Lord, this is the truth, and nothing but the truth. I cannot meet God with the kind of trust which I formerly had. He is Judge! He is not like one of my friends. God is a devouring Fire; *“who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?”* (Isaiah 33:14). This is what the Lord taught the pilgrims after He raised them out of their spiritual dead state. Has that also happened in your life?

Today the Lord still works the same way as He did at the time these pilgrims lived. Even today the Lord stops sinners on their way to eternity and teaches them that they cannot base their trust in man. We ought not to seek any foundation of trust in our neighbour, or in any creature. The only thing that can save us from destruction is to trust in the Lord alone. That is the fruit of regeneration and true conversion. The trust exercised by these pilgrims should be a mirror for us. Do we perhaps put half of our trust in the world and half in God? When the Lord works that true faith in our life to put all our trust in Him, it will become evident from our choices, our conduct of life, our clothing, and our walk and talk.

Let me therefore ask you a question. Does your faith affect your *whole* life or does your faith merely exist of feelings? When you truly put your whole trust in God, you are not going to try to live a life that borders on plain worldliness. Neither are you going to seek for maximum benefit out of minimum effort. And I hope you don't knowingly offend other children of God, do you? No, don't say, “Why do I always have to be the one who has to give in to others?” If you put your trust in the Lord, then you also are desirous to be of one heart and of one mind with all God's children.

Another question related to putting our trust in the Lord is: Who is able to deliver me from the sorrows of death? Partaking of the Lord's Supper perhaps? No, that will not deliver us. Neither will our conversion deliver us. Do you know

what *does* deliver us? The knowledge that the Lord, in the midst of all my strife, when I realize how unworthy I am, uses His Word to teach me where the true foundation for rest is to be found, namely, in Christ in whom alone is salvation and deliverance.

The Lord needs to teach us to trust in God. Boys and girls, to learn to trust in God is something that you will not learn at an earthly school. I think we will all agree that it is not always so easy to comprehend everything at school and to complete all your homework! We know that one person learns things faster than another. But it does not matter if you are not such a fast learner. What matters is that you do your best.

But this lesson of learning to trust in God is only learned at the school of free grace. Are you, by the grace of God, already attending that school? Has He taught you to listen to His Word? Has God already taught you what you had to learn in your first year of elementary school, namely, to sit still and to wait for Him? Did He teach you to trust in Him alone?

Are God's children always able to look beyond their immediate circumstances? No, they are not. But they do trust that He cares for them, even though they do not know how He will make it come to pass. They that trust in the Lord shall not be put to shame. He teaches you to trust in Him through the revelation of Himself in His Son. Do you know what gives the most solid hope in the life of God's children? When the Lord reveals to them in His Word that He knows them. That He spoke to them personally. And, can God's children from then on always believe that He reigns? No, beloved, we cannot draw that conclusion. Satan always attacks God's children in whatever way possible. Yet, it remains in their heart:

*Lord, Thy word to me remember,
Thou hast made me hope in Thee;
This my comfort in affliction
That Thy word hath quickened me.*

(Psalter 327:1)

Congregation, you cannot help yourself in this respect. Neither can your neighbour help you. This is what matters most: That we may know experientially that the Lord has spoken to us as we approached unto Him. To learn to trust in the Lord is not something that happens ‘just like that,’ consequently followed by a happy and quiet life. No, when we learn to really exercise that trust in God, we also learn to know that He is our Judge. Such trusting means relying on Him, the majestic and exalted One, but who indeed also looks down upon such who tremble at His Word and continually seek His nearness. How is that possible? Well, He receives sinners and eats with them. It is only possible in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is able and willing to have dealings with such sinners, such failures. True, soon God’s children again experience strife and for that reason they humbly pray, “Lord, teach me again to see the impossibility on my side, but wilt Thou also grant me in faith to fully trust in Thee, so that I will no longer question everything. Speak, I beseech Thee, with more clarity in my soul. O Lord, may I again believe in Thy faithfulness and goodness, and may I find rest in Thee?”

“They that trust in the Lord,” in the Triune God, definitely do not build on sandy ground. Indeed, God can only have communion with sinners through the blood of His Son. What a wonder that is to the soul of a sinner, who may taste and experience when the Holy Spirit testifies in the heart. The Lord does not work by power or might, but by His dear Spirit. And God’s Spirit will always enlighten them about Him, who is the Only One that can save; God by the merits of His Son. We can only be saved by Him, who is the Fairest among men.

Perhaps you say, “But from my side, I come short in everything.” That is true, beloved. That is painfully true. When I see the multitude of abominations in my sinful heart, the only proper thing for me to do is to shut my mouth. Because there really is nothing in my life that is pleasing to the Lord. But although there is nothing left in me that would be pleasing to God, yet there remains the ‘nevertheless’ of trusting in God against all odds. Although there is nothing to be found in me, everything is to be found in Him. Although I experience that I lie in

the midst of death, I yet may find all consolation in His wounds. I have nothing, but He has everything.

Perhaps there were times when you experienced that the Lord's eyes were upon you, times when you were enabled to see Him, that you felt and knew that He saw you and knew you. But today there might be no comfort and strength in it for you anymore. Formerly, His Word spoke powerfully to you, but now it seems dead. And yet, "*the poor committeth himself unto Thee*" (Psalm 10:14).

Beloved, do you put all your trust in the Lord alone? Or do you still have a spiritual piggy bank which is overflowing with experiences? You perhaps say, "Yes, but everything in my piggy bank I received from the King!" Beloved, when you add up the value of all those coins in your spiritual piggy bank, it will be entirely insufficient to pay off your spiritual debt! There is only One whose payment suffices and who will satisfy the demands of God's justice. The Church needs to learn to trust in *that* ground, in Christ's blood, in His righteousness. Oh, I wish that I could preach in such a way that makes you become as poor as poor can be! Oh, I wish that, in the true sense of the meaning, I could take everything from you, so that you would flee as a poor beggar to Christ. Because it is really true:

*The poor and needy He shall spare,
And save their souls from fear;
He shall redeem them from all wrong,
Their life to Him is dear.*

(Psalter 194:5)

God's children have sinned away their experiences already a thousand times and besides, these experiences are too short for eternity anyway. Our experiences cannot be our payment. God's children still often look for the means of their payment to the here and now, but it will never be found in this life of strife! The payment will not be found in anything of self. Your self-righteousness will not do! The only acceptable payment is the righteousness of the Triune God. They that trust in the Lord will never be put to shame. God's promises are yea and

amen in Jesus Christ. That is why those promises are a sure foundation. These promises give strength. Who is it that helps God's Church? Who is it that blesses them? Only the Lord on whom we can rely.

If you are still looking down, maybe presuming to worry about your misery, but in the meantime talking lightly about sin, your heart still has your wicked "I" at the center. That "I" must succumb to Him, who is Prophet, Priest, and King for His people. Do you know what the solid foundation of salvation is? Jesus alone! His suffering, His death, and His resurrection. He has received gifts to distribute among men, yes for the rebellious also. What I wish for you from the bottom of my heart is that you will completely run aground with your imagined conversion and are left with nothing in and of yourself. How blessed the people whose trust is in the Lord alone! In Him you have enough. In Him you find everything you need: consolation, rest, and peace.

2. The strife associated with trusting in God

"As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about His people." The mountains round about Jerusalem are an image of the promise of the Lord that He will protect Jerusalem. Try to picture it: The people of Jerusalem are few in number, insignificant and powerless in themselves, but round about Jerusalem there are mountains, there are hills, which provide protection against the enemy. So it is for spiritual Jerusalem. The Lord protects His children and, for example, protects them when they so often still listen to the deceiving voice of their own hearts. He protects them in those instances when they say with the poet in Psalm 35:1, *"Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me."* Yes, the Lord Himself is their Protection. He watches over His children and prays for them, so that they will not enter into temptation.

"As the mountains are round about Jerusalem." Do you hear it, pilgrims in the strife? All around you are mountains which protect you from the greatest dangers. There is not a single space where there are fewer mountains or even

open spaces. No, His mountains are all around His people, so that He is the Protector, the God of gods, the Comforter in the strife, and the Hearer of prayer. *“As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about His people,”* for ever and ever. He was, is, and will be around His people. Here you have God’s unchangeable faithfulness. What the Lord speaks today, children of God, is perhaps for you a confirmation of what He spoke to you in the past. That which God speaks will certainly come to pass. He remains faithful in His care for His people. That is God’s character. But it can be that you do not see those mountains. Not because there is something wrong with your eyes, but because you have cast your spiritual eyes downwards. And so you will not see those mountains! In such a condition, amidst all the strife, difficulties, and sorrows, God’s children think that they have to take care of their protection themselves. At such moments, God’s children no longer look away from self.

There can also be another reason why you do not see these mountains. It will perhaps not apply so much to Jerusalem and Israel. More so in other countries when fog hides the mountains from your eyes. You cannot see them. So it can be in spiritual life as well. You no longer see the Lord with the eye of faith. You feel lonely and dejected. Is that no strange language to you? *I am* not alone, but *I feel* alone, because it seems that the Lord has forsaken me. And we struggle with questions such as: Would the Lord leave me to myself? What is the reason that I do not experience the nearness of the Lord? Well, the reason is that there is something between you and the Lord! Is this not often the case in the life of sinners? Is this not often the struggle? Yet, round about Jerusalem are mountains! Even though I do not see them, I yet do trust in them. Even though I cannot comprehend it, I yet hope against hope and trust in God. The poorer we are, the less converted we feel. But on the other hand, the more comfort we will experience when we flee to the Lord and come unto Him in faith. The Lord is round about His people. Perhaps you say in your heart today, “Why do I see only a few of those mountains, and someone else sees so many of them? Something is not quite right here, is it? And it is not fair either.” Of course, we are

so decent and respectable that we do not say this out loud. But in the meantime that is what we think!

However, what does the Lord want to teach us in the life of grace? This: That when God's children do not see those mountains, when they do not exercise that trust in Him, because they do not have that true life of grace in their back pocket as it were, the Lord wants to teach them little by little to walk in total dependence on Him. If God's children do not receive that trust from above, they have absolutely nothing and are spiritually as poor as a beggar. Step by step they go through life in dependence upon Him. When their path of life is dark, His Word is a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path.

After all, His Word alone is the end of all objections. Is the voice of God not the only voice which can solve all riddles, for Jesus' sake? Indeed, it is! In everything in our life, we are dependent on God's speaking to us. Beloved, round about Jerusalem are mountains, from henceforth even for ever more. *"For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity."* According to the marginal notes of the Dutch Bible the 'rod of the wicked' signifies the persecution, the mockery. The path of life of God's children is not strewn with roses. The world and the secular society only wants to have a life of prosperity. They want to have economic progress rather than headwinds. Prosperity, possessions, and pleasure are the ultimate goals of life.

But what about a child of God? What does he long for? By nature he seeks the same things as the world does. However, he is taught to put his trust in the Lord; he is taught that all things will work together for good to them that love God, also all the opposition and persecution. The Lord will not forsake His children. Certainly, there are times when the rod is felt and that the thorns in one's life are experienced. Those times can be extremely painful. But, at the same time it may be experienced that the Lord will never forsake them who put their trust in Him. He never forsakes the work that He has begun, so that the

godly will not stretch forth their hands to evil. Otherwise, God's children would begin to defend themselves while the Lord is their Defender.

If you lack that complete trust in the Lord, then do not try to build up your trust in your own do's and don't's. No, we need to realize that our strength is made perfect in weakness. We can only find true rest and an upright trust with Him who is signified by the tokens of bread and wine. True rest can only be found in Christ's perfect righteousness. Perfect rest can only be found with Him who was broken. The broken bread and the poured out wine point to His broken body and His shed blood. He made Himself of no reputation so that He would refresh and strengthen His people. Truly, God's children find everything in Jesus alone. Their greatest comfort is expounded in His Word. That is what they lean on. They dearly love His written Word, the preached Word, and the read Word. But do you know what they lean on most of all? The Word that became flesh. They put their trust in Jesus. They appropriate Him through faith. They receive Him by faith and enjoy and worship Him as they trust in Him alone.

Permit me to ask you a question, beloved. Are you able to say who this Surety is for you? Has He revealed Himself to you? I know that it is not always so clear in the life of God's children, yet they know of an invisible bond with Him, worked by the Holy Spirit, who has drawn them and who made them to seek refuge in Him. Such a person knows that God is the living God who as yet has never rejected a true petitioner, and who never yet has stopped His ears to their prayers. They have found Him to be the Hearer of prayer, while they know by experience that they had deserved death. But in Him they have found the Fountain of life. In man they cannot boast because he has lost his honour, his crown.

Beloved, can you testify that the Lord came into your life? Can you testify that He took away all your imagined riches and made you poor? Such a person knows that the old man in him has been changed; a change effected by the Lord. Can you also tell how the Lord pointed out to your soul the dear Person of His Son? Oh, what riches are there to be found in this King! His treasure chambers are

not exhausted; there is still so much to be received out of Him, and there is still so much that He wants to teach you. Go unto Him just as you are and pray that He will discover to you any wicked way your heart harbours and to lead you in the way everlasting.

Perhaps you have a broom in a cupboard in your home or garage which you use to tidy the floor or driveway. But with regard to your heart, don't make the mistake of thinking that you can make it clean by energetically handling your religious broom. That will not work! Our heart continues to produce sin, though we must keep fighting against it. But, beloved, what we should do first and foremost is to flee with our sins unto Jesus! Do you know why? Because "grace is poured into His lips" (see Psalm 45:2). He knows most perfectly what you need to be liberated from and what you need to gain. For well He knows our weakness and our frailty, He knows that we are dust, He knows our frame. To learn this in truth is not pleasant for the flesh, but He knows that, too. He knows all things and thus we do not have to hide anything from Him. He really knows all things, and therefore it is a comfort for us that the Lord is the omniscient God. Is that also a comfort for you personally?

The Lord says in the last verse of Psalm 125, "*As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity.*" Here is the test, congregation, a stringent test. And then the text says, "*but peace shall be upon Israel.*" This points on the one hand to rest and peace in this life, "*Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while*" (Mark 6:31)-- otherwise, the way would be too long for them. But, on the other hand, it also points to the eternal rest. The peace of God which passes all understanding is peace with God through the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son. Words fail to express what that peace will be. "*But peace shall be upon Israel.*"

3. The basis of the trust in God

In our last point we will meditate on the basis of the trust in God, which you can find in verse 1b, "*As mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.*"

But let us first sing Psalter 356 stanza 3.

*The men who falsehood cherish,
Forsaking truth and right,
With wicked men shall perish,
God will their sin requite.
From sin Thy saints defending,
Their joy, O Lord, increase
With mercy never ending
And everlasting peace.*

Beloved, the care of God over His people does not depend on how much I am able to perceive of it. It also does not depend on what others say of me. And it is even less dependent on Satan's roaring or whatever thoughts he puts into our hearts. Do you know what the firm foundation is? It is God's sovereign good pleasure. That is the fountain. Let Satan mock, roar, and deride: He has already been conquered. And whatever people may say, remember that they are mortal and will perish. But God's sovereign good pleasure endures from eternity to eternity. His eternal love for Jerusalem, His eternal love for the pilgrims always remains the same.

Are you able to comprehend God's eternal love? No, not one on earth can comprehend that the Lord has loved His Church with an eternal love. Even when our trust in Him, and our love for Him, have disappeared, because we again yielded to the pleasures of this world, yet the love of God holds us fast and keeps us, people of God! We are well aware what lives in our heart, if it is well, however decent we may look on the outside. If it were not for God's eternal love, it would be a lost case. He is the First and the Last. And only that knowledge can give us rest, through faith. He set us still and converted us, according to His Fatherly compassion. It flows forth from God's sovereign good pleasure in Christ, through God's Spirit. It is the Lord who raises up our wearied soul in the midst of our failures and shortcomings. That is also His good pleasure. He sheds light in the darkness of our soul. That, too, flows out of His sovereign good pleasure in Christ.

If it were not for His sovereign good pleasure, you could just as well cross out the name Jesus from the Bible.

However, you cannot meet God on the basis of some feelings. But you can meet Him with Jesus' Name and Essence. As the great Servant, He could say in truth: I have always inclined My ear. He could say in His restless labour as Mediator, as the heavenly Bridegroom gathering His earthly Bride, *"The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head"* (Matthew 6:20). And why did He do that? So that He would resurrect spiritually dead creatures unto life eternal. God's work is from eternity. If He were not the First to begin, and did not remain the First to come back, I would be the first that would depart from Him again and again. But He is the First to come back again. Even though I have sinned all my rights away, He always comes back. And it is exactly this incomprehensible love that makes sin so bitter and loathsome. On the other hand, what an earnest prayer can ascend from the midst of the strife, *"Return, O LORD, how long?"* (Psalm 90:13). It is a cry after God. No, this language does not come forth out of unbelief, but it rises from the struggles of spiritual life and strife. Those who are rich in themselves do not need God, but to the poor He is their only Hope.

Those poor ones, they are the people who long for Him, who take refuge in Him, who seek and find Him. Do you know when you will firmly put your trust in Him? When the Spirit of God lays it in your heart. When the Lord draws, He draws powerfully and irresistibly. He draws, beloved, not one, two, or three times, but every time He speaks, when the Word is opened. God's children find in Him, and receive of Him, all manner of consolation in His wounds, in His righteousness. They find it in Him who is white and ruddy.

"As mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever," so God is with me. That is who the Lord is for His people. He is the first. What a blessing that He was an eternity ahead of them! Therefore, He will remain the same.

Hence, God's people will find in Him a refuge as Mount Zion which cannot be removed.

There once was a mocker, you probably have heard of him, Rab-shakeh, a general. That man trusted in his idols, as we would expect a proper citizen of Assyria to do. He scorned Hezekiah's trust in God. Hezekiah was a converted king, a man who feared the Lord. But when he was mocked by this ungodly general, and when he looked at the circumstances, those enormous armies of Assyria, Hezekiah could no longer rely on his own trust in God and he became as it were a dwarf. But what did the king do? He prayed and laid those letters of mockery, those threatening letters, before the Lord. And God does not waver, never! For in one night He slew 185,000 Assyrians. He is the mighty God who takes care of His people. They who call upon Him in their distress will experience His boundless mercy and favour. Do you know why? He has been given all power in heaven and in earth. As in a moment He solves all the riddles and clears all clouds of doubt. He is the God who makes the desert places bloom; His Name is Jehovah, Lord of lords.

He does not waver. Do you hear it? The comfort for God's Church is not that their future is secure in their own hands but in His hands. That is why the future of the Church is secure and blessed. Have you seen your need for this God? With this God you can go through life, but also depart out of this life. And so, as a pilgrim in this life, you are enabled to sing, perhaps with a wavering voice, or with an assured faith, in times of trouble and times of victory:

*My heart had failed in fear and woe
Unless in God I had believed,
Assured that He would mercy show
And that my life His grace should know,
Nor was my hope deceived.*

*Fear not, though succor be delayed,
Still wait for God, and He will hear;*

*Be strong, nor be thy heart dismayed,
Wait, and the Lord shall bring thee aid,
Yea, trust and never fear.*

(Psalter 73:5-6)

Amen.

Concluding Psalter 71:1, 4, 5

Stanza 1

*Jehovah is my light,
And my salvation near;
Who shall my soul affright,
Or cause my heart to fear?
While God my strength, my life sustains,
Secure from fear my soul remains.*

Stanza 4

*When troubles round me swell,
When fears and dangers throng,
Securely I will dwell
In His pavilion strong;
Within the covert of His tent
He hides me till the storm is spent.*

Stanza 5

*Uplifted on a rock
Above my foes around,
Amid the battle shock
My song shall resound;
Then joyful off'rings I will bring,
Jehovah's praise my heart shall sing.*