

The Rock and the Bowing Wall

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The righteous find confidence in God as their rock and high place, while the wicked are like a bowing wall, destined for moral disaster.

Scripture: Psalm 62:2, Proverbs 10:25, Matthew 7:26, Ephesians 2:6

Topics: "Godly Confidence", "Spiritual Security"

Description

John Henry Jowett preaches on Psalm 62, using powerful symbols to illustrate the confidence of the righteous and the futility of the wicked. The righteous find security in God as their rock and high place, sheltered from life's storms and out of reach of harm. In contrast, the wicked are like a bowing wall, building their lives on shaky foundations that will lead to ruin, and like a tottering fence, easily dislodged by the winds of adversity.

Transcript

PSALM lxii.

Here are two symbols by which the psalmist describes the confidence of the righteous. "_He only is my rock._" Only yesterday I had the shelter of a great rock on a storm-swept mountain side. The wind tore along the heights, driving the rain like hail, but in the opening of the rock our shelter was complete.

And the second symbol is this: "_He is my high place._" The high place is the home of the chamois, out of reach of the arrow. "Flee as a bird to your mountain!" Get beyond the hunter's range! Our security is found in loftiness. It is our unutterable privilege to live in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Such is the confidence of the righteous.

In this psalm there is also another pair of symbols describing the

futility of the wicked. The wicked is "_as a bowing wall._" The wall is out of perpendicular, out of conformity with the truth of the plumb-line, and it will assuredly topple into ruin. So is it with the wicked: he is building awry, and he will fall into moral disaster. He is also "_as a tottering fence._" The wind and the rain dislodge the fence, it rots at its foundations, and one day it lies prone upon the ground.

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