

A Life of Trust—choosing to accept God’s plan

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Introduction

I. David’s desperation (verses 1-5)

A. Urgently pleading for an audience with the king (1-2)

Principles for making peace with your past: *Stoic is not spiritual.*

B. An appeal for justice (3-5)

Principles for making peace with your past: *“God keeps the record books.”*

II. David’s deliverance (verses 6-9)

A. David’s role

- Prayer/supplication
- Trust (Hebrew: *batach*= _____).

“Trust is not a passive state of mind. It is a vigorous act of the soul whereby we choose to lay hold on the promises of God and cling to them despite the adversity that at times seeks to overwhelm us.” Jerry Bridges—*Trusting God*

Principles for making peace with the past: *What promises will you choose to believe? What will you make your “rocks” in times of suffering? (see “Psalm 18 study”).*

- Worship

Principles for making peace with the past: *You know you are dealing with the pain of the past when you can be thankful, when you can worship (cf. Rom. 5: 3!).*

B. God’s role

- Hears

- Intervenes/helps (Hebrew: azar = _____).
- Strength
- Shield
- Stronghold
- Shepherd (cf. Isa. 40:11)

Principles for making peace with the past: *God wastes no pain. From suffering springs a song* (cf. Ps.42:1). *What story is God writing?* (See “STOREE” sheet)

Conclusion:

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