#### TRUST IN GOD ALONE

He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

<sup>1</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. <sup>2</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

<sup>3</sup> How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? 4 They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Selah

<sup>5</sup> For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah* 

<sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. 10 Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, <sup>12</sup> and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

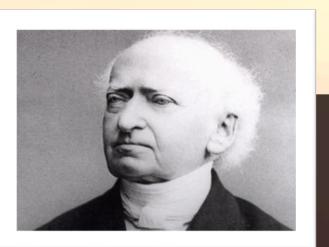
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"... quiet calm submission,—not, however, a fatalistic resignation, but that which gives up everything to God, whose hand can be distinctly recognised and felt in what is now happening to him."



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