

*Mark Wash presents . . .*

## PSALM 31:1-24

### CHAPTER STUDIES ON THE PSALTER

"Victory waits on the banners of the brave."

**(Ps. 31:5) Into Your hand I commit my spirit.** David's living words were our Lord's dying words. Saints have frequently used them in their hour of departure. Be assured they are good, choice, wise, and solemn words. We may use them now and in the last tremendous hour. The object of anxiety in life and death is not our body or estate but our spirit. This is the jewel, the secret treasure. If this is safe, all is well. See what David does with his pearl! He commits it to the hand of God. It came from Him; it is His own. He has sustained it; He is able to keep it, and it is most fitting that He should receive it.

**(Ps.31:24) Be of good courage.** Keep up your spirit! Let no thoughts of surrender blanch your cheek. Fear weakens. Courage strengthens. Victory waits on the banners of the brave.

**And He shall strengthen your heart.** Power from on high will be given by administering force to the fountain of vitality. Far from leaving, the Lord will draw near in our adversity and put His power in us.

**All you who hope in the LORD.** Every one of you, lift up your heads and sing for joy. God is faithful. If He does not fail His little children, who but hope, why should we be afraid? (*The Treasury of David*,

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, updated by Mark Wash)

**On what basis was David's plea for deliverance?** Ps. 23:3      Ps. 31:3-5