

Daily Encouragement from Gordon – Saturday 18th April

Psalm 28

We have confidence that God hears us and cares for us,
even if we don't see the answers just yet.

1 To you, Lord, I call;
you are my Rock,
do not turn a deaf ear to me.
For if you remain silent,
I shall be like those who go down to the pit.

2 Hear my cry for mercy
as I call to you for help,
as I lift up my hands
towards your Most Holy Place.

Our hands take our problems to God in prayer.

3 Do not drag me away with the wicked,
with those who do evil,
who speak cordially with their neighbours
but harbour malice in their hearts.

4 Repay them for their deeds
and for their evil work;
repay them for what their hands have done
and bring back on them what they deserve.
Their hands express the sin in their hearts.

5 Because they have no regard for the deeds of the Lord
and what his hands have done,
he will tear them down
and never build them up again.
God's hands have done so much for us.

6 Praise be to the Lord,
for he has heard my cry for mercy.
7 The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy,
and with my song I praise him.

Our hearts are full of joy, because we know he hears us.

8 The Lord is the strength of his people,
a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.
9 Save your people and bless your inheritance;
be their shepherd and carry them for ever.
God's hands (implied) carry us.
What a lovely prayer to finish with.

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