

The God of Salvation

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Psalm 37:25-40

They say past behavior is the best way to predict future behavior. If someone has proven truthful and trustworthy in the past, it's easier to assume they will remain truthful and trustworthy in the future. Someone who has a history of lying is less likely to be trusted in the future. It's awfully hard for a leopard to change its spots. While this isn't always fair, it has a tendency to be true.

Psalm 57 reminds us the same is true with God. One of the major themes in Scripture is trusting in the Lord for the future because He has proven faithful in the past. "I was young and now I am old," says the psalmist, "yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken . . ." (Psalm 37:25).

A significant part of the salvation God offers to us is the hope of a future. If we remain in Him, we are given the promise of a hopeful future both in this life and afterward. Trusting God to keep that promise is easier when we remember His faithfulness in the past. God has been keeping His promises to faithful people for thousands of years. Why would we expect anything different from Him now?

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