



## Outline Psalms 71

This Psalmist, apparently aged and in trouble, cries out to God for deliverance and is confident that God will answer him.

- I. The Psalmist's Trouble (71:10-11): The psalmist cries out for God to rescue him from his enemies, who are plotting to destroy him.
- II. The Psalmist's Triumph (71:1-7, 9, 12-14, 17-18): The Psalmist's confidence is bolstered by two truths:
  - A. God is his help (71:1-4, 7, 12-13): Knowing that God will help him, the Psalmist makes two requests:
    1. Be a defense for me (71:1-4, 7).
    2. Bring disgrace on my foes (71: 12-13)
  - B. God is his hope (71: 5-6, 9, 14, 17-18): God has been the psalmist hope throughout his life.
    1. Since he was an infant (71:6)
    2. Since his childhood (71:5, 17)
    3. Now that he is old (71:9, 14, 18)
- III. The Psalmist's testimony (71:8, 15-16, 19-24): The Psalmist praises God.
  - A. What the psalmist praises God for (71;8, 16, 19, 22-24)
    1. For his righteous acts (71:16, 19, 24)
    2. For his faithfulness (71:22)

- B. When the Psalmist praises God (71:8, 15) He praises God all day long.
- C. How the Psalmist praises God (71:22-23): He praises him with his voice and his harp and lyre.