

# David's Refuge - Psalm 31



*Samuel Anointing David, Shema Ministries 2014*



*King David, uncredited*



*Nathan Accusing David, Children's Church Word Press*

*David Playing the Harp, by Gerard van Honthorst, 1592 - 1656, a Dutch Golden Age painter*



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*D*<sup>6</sup>  
Be merciful to me, O LORD,

*Bm*<sup>7b5</sup>  
For I am in distress;

*D*<sup>6</sup>  
My eyes grow weak with sorrow,

*Bm*<sup>7b5</sup>  
My soul grows weak with grief.

*D*<sup>6</sup> *Bm*<sup>7b5</sup>  
My life's consumed by anguish, affliction eats my strength,  
*E*

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

*A* *A*<sup>7</sup>  
My times are in your hands O Lord; Master of my life;  
*E*

Let your face shine on your servant;  
*A* *A*<sup>sus2</sup> *E*  
I know it makes a difference who I serve.

## CHORUS

*E*  
How're you going to live?

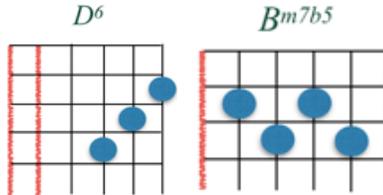
*E*  
How're you going to die?

*A*  
Who you going to serve?

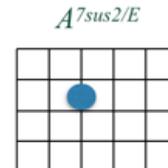
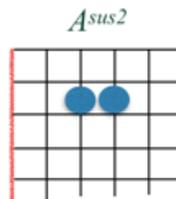
*A* *A*<sup>sus2</sup>  
Yes, it makes a difference !

*E*  
Jesus served His Father, obedient, a Lamb.

*A* *A*<sup>sus2</sup> *A*<sup>7sus2/E</sup>  
Will you do the same my friend, will you follow His Command?



Play not upon the  
reddened strings.



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*D<sup>6</sup>*

Gave His back to those who struck Him,

*Bm7b5*

His cheek to those who scorned;

*D<sup>6</sup>*

His face like flint to endure it,

*Bm7b5*

He would not be ashamed.

*D<sup>6</sup>*

*Bm7b5*

His Dad was there beside Him; no one could bar His path.

*E*

He said, “Behold, The Lord GOD helps Me”;

*A*

*A<sup>7</sup>*

Safe in His unfailing love, My enemy fades away,

*E*

*A*

*A<sup>7</sup>*

*E*

Let His face shine down upon Me; I know it makes a difference who I serve.

*Instrumental: E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> to start, E A to finish*

### CHORUS

### BRIDGE

*E*

Christ was sold down for silver;

*E*

That’s not the reason that He died.

*A*

He went because of His Father;

*A*

*A<sup>7sus2</sup>*

He did it for the Word.

*E*

“The Son of Man will go, just as it’s written . . .”

*A<sup>sus2</sup>*

*A<sup>sus2/E</sup>*

But the future’s safe and shining,

*E*

Because of who He was and who He served!

### CHORUS

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# Scripture and History

Much is written about David and Jesus in the Bible. Their sufferings (physically, mentally, socially) are presented graphically. Like Lazarus, neither of these men enjoyed their times of sorrow. Yet they never turned away from God the Father, rather sought Him in their difficulties. They looked to him for comfort in the storm. He loved them for it and brought them closer and closer. It makes a difference who you serve. *Rick Larson [asyourgosongs.com](http://asyourgosongs.com)*

**Psalm 31:10-16** Be gracious to me, LORD, for I am in distress; affliction is wearing down my eyes, my throat and my insides.

My life is worn out by sorrow, and my years by sighing. My strength fails in my affliction; my bones are wearing down.

To all my foes I am a thing of scorn, and especially to my neighbors a horror to my friends. When they see me in public, they quickly shy away. I am forgotten, out of mind like the dead; I am like a worn-out tool. I hear the whispers of the crowd;

terrors are all around me. They conspire together against me; they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, LORD; I say, "You are my God." My destiny is in your hands; rescue me from my enemies, from the hands of my pursuers.<sup>17</sup>

Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your mercy.

**Isaiah 50:4-9** The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to answer the weary a word that will waken them.

Morning after morning he wakens my ear to hear as disciples do; the Lord GOD opened my ear; I did not refuse, did not turn away.

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who tore out my beard; my face I did not hide from insults and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

He who declares my innocence is near. Who will oppose me?

Let us appear together. Who will dispute my right? Let them confront me.

See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will declare me guilty? See, they will all wear out like a garment, consumed by moths.

**Matthew 26:20-25** When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."



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