



APC Advent Devotional – December 14th, 2020

Taking Refuge in God

Today's Scripture: Psalm 118:5-8 (NIV)

Verse 5 of Psalm 118 is very clear and simple: when in distress, call on the Lord, and He will answer and set you free. So simple, and yet so challenging. Reading the next three verses, the author elaborates on the truth of verse 5. But I wonder whether he is whistling a little bit in the dark in order to fight the fear that is welling up in his heart in face of his enemies. Note that it says, “I **shall** look in triumph...” and not “I look in triumph...”.

I remember how it was when I moved to Florida after I finished my studies in Bonn. One night I lay in my bed, feeling like a very lonesome tiny dot located on a large continent, with all its familiar dots being far away on a small continent across a vast ocean. I am sure I prayed. I remember very vividly that all of a sudden, I realized that this tiny dot was not so lonesome after all, because I understood deep in my heart that our loving **God is indeed everywhere** with us. It is memories like this that I try to recall when once more I am in distress and calling on the Lord. Comfort does not always come so clearly and quickly, but taking refuge in God has proven to be the one sure harbour in life for me.

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