



Big Idea: Fear is incompatible with faith.

1.) Confidence springs from unashamed **PRIASE (v. 1-2).**

- Worship is the act of elevating God to His proper place.
- Worship is the epitome of wisdom, because true worship of God is the most accurate reflection of reality.
- Foolishness is the absence of true **WORSHIP** (Psalm 14:1).
- If you live for the exaltation of Christ then your purpose in life is unstoppable, and your hope for the future is secure (Colossians 1:15-18).
- Your confidence in life can only be as **SECURE** as the chief object of your trust.

2.) Fear springs from **UNMERITED trust (v. 3-4).**

-- King David urges us never to place our ultimate trust in any human agent or human agency, no matter what power they may possess.

- It is the scheme of Satan and the foil of true faith to dupe us into placing our trust in human agency.
- Why put your hopes for life in people and plans that are destined for death?
- **HUMAN** ideas and initiatives are destined for inevitable destruction and decay (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11).

-- Ultimately, to put your trust in man is to put your faith in **DEATH**

- The more often and more intensely we place our trust in something unworthy, the more deeply we will be affected by disappointment.
- No human being or human agency, no matter how impressive or powerful, can establish anything eternal. Only God can do that.

3.) Confidence is made complete by connection to **CHRIST** (v. 5).

- Your outlook on life and prospects for joy are only as big the chief object of your trust.
- A constant theme of the Psalms is the manner in which David's discouragement is overcome by confident praise of God (Psalm 27:1-4, 56:3-6,10-11).
- The antidote to fear is **WORSHIP**
- The more completely we place our faith and trust in God alone, the more our confidence will be made complete in Him.
- If you want evidence that God is worthy of our uncompromised trust, simply look around.
- In the gospel, God has given us ironclad, indestructible, eternal **CONFIDENCE** in Christ.

Application

- In whom do you trust? To whom are you looking for help and hope?
- There is only one path to victory, purpose, and hope, and it won't be found on Tuesday's ballot.
- To panic about politics is to pollute our praise, because **FAITH** is incompatible with fear.