

**PULPIT MINISTRY: FEBRUARY 2015**

Theme: **Trusting God in Troubled Times**

**EVENING WORSHIP**

**1 February 2015**

Text: **Psalm 71**

Title: **IN YOU, O LORD, I PUT MY TRUST**

**(I) STRUGGLES EVEN WHEN TRUSTING IN GOD**

**1. Problems**

- a) Being in the hand of the wicked (**Psalm 71:4**)
- b) Being a wonder to many (**Psalm 71:7**)
- c) Being cast off in old age (**Psalm 71:9**)
- d) Being hurt (**Psalm 71:12**)

**2. Feelings**

- a) Fear
- b) Dread of death
- c) Defeated

**3. Struggles from youth to old age**

- a) Youth (**Psalm 71:5**)
- b) Old Age (**Psalm 71:9, 18**)

**(II) OVERCOMING STRUGGLES WITH A JOURNEY OF TRUST AND HOPE IN GOD**

**1. Trust and hope in God from youth (Psalm 71:5-6)**

- a) Upheld since birth
- b) Praising the Lord continually

## **2. Unspoken trust and hope in the continuing struggles of life (Psalm 71:7-8)**

- a) The Lord as a strong refuge
- b) Mouth filled the Lord's praise and glory all the day

## **3. Trust and hope in God continually even in old age (Psalm 71:14-15)**

- a) Praising the Lord yet more and more
- b) Declaring the righteousness of God

## **(III) APPLICATIONS OF HOPE AND TRUST IN GOD**

### **1. Increasing Strength**

- a) Going in the strength of the Lord (**Psalm 71:16**)
- b) Declaring the strength of the Lord till we die (**Psalm 71:18**)

### **2. Increasing appreciation of the attributes of God**

- a) His righteousness
  - i) Speaking of the Lord's righteousness (**Psalm 71:15**)
  - i) Mentioning the Lord's righteousness only (**Psalm 71:16**)
  - iii) God's righteousness is very high (**Psalm 71:19**)
- b) His faithfulness (**Psalm 71:22**)

### **3. Increasing joy and praise of God**

- a) Greatly rejoice in the Lord (**Psalm 71:23**)
- b) Singing with instruments to the Lord (**Psalm 71:22**)
- c) Talking of His righteousness the Lord all the day (**Psalm 71:24**)