

AIMLESS DESPERATION

Psalm 91:14 ... "Because he [man] has set his love upon Me [God], therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."

A popular song written by Christian composer Bill Gaither starts with the lyrics:

'Twas a life filled with aimless desperation without hope walked the shell of a man;
Then a hand with a nail print stretched downward, Just one touch then a new life began.

The title of the song is *The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference*. The theme of the song is that without Christ in your life, and without his blood on the cross, you have no hope or future. You are just a shell of a person; empty and without meaning if you spend your short life without surrendering to the one who died for you. In that state – without Christ as your Lord – your life is aimless – no purpose. That is a sad and desperate way to live.

Today's Psalm is a comfort because it promises you that God will deliver you from the hardships and dangers of life if you love and respect him. He will listen to and answer your prayers. Eventually, God will honor your commitment to him when he delivers you to heaven.

It is not necessary to live aimlessly and with feelings of desperation. Christ has already died for you and offers you a new life for just believing and trusting in him. In the chorus of this song, we find the words: "I will praise Him forever and ever, for the cross made the difference for me." Has the cross made a difference in your life yet? Jesus will not force you to accept his gift of salvation, but I urge you to do so.

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