

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

PSALM 40:17

Since I am afflicted and needy, let the Lord be mindful of me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

TITUS 2:13-14

looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

HEBREWS 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION

This song is a confession of dependence for refuge and help.

VERSES

In the garden, mankind chose to rebel against God (also called sin) and make himself the authority in their lives. Where they sought satisfaction, they found only emptiness. This is because by the very nature of being a created being our entire existence is predicated upon our dependence on another (God). We cannot fill for ourselves the “God shaped hole” that is within us. By the grace of God He has not left us alone with this hole but has offered restoration and reconciliation through the person and work of His Son, Christ Jesus. The two verses of this song address exactly this issue. This first admits/confesses that there is brokenness and need for God in our hopeless state; something which sin desperately desires for us to ignore. The second verse answers sin with the solution of Jesus by whose grace and holiness the hole is filled.

CHORUS

The chorus echoes the confession of the first verse only transforming into a petition, or a calling upon the Lord. In doing so, it acknowledges that we always need God whether in times of trial/sorrow or in times of celebration/joy. We are dependent on Him for both, not only when things go sideways (which tends to be a habit of many). Secondly, the chorus also notes that God is our defense, refuge, and righteousness (Ps. 40:17; Tit. 2:13-14).

BRIDGE

The last thing to be addressed is those temptations that come to devastate our lives and return us to seeking satisfaction apart from God. It is in those moments of need that we can remember Jesus intercedes for, and sympathizes with, us; thus, because of Him we may draw near to God for solid assurance and hope in His mercy and grace (Heb. 4:16). May we continually acknowledge our need and dependence on God and savior Christ Jesus (Tit. 2:13).