

INTRODUCTION

1. R8:31-39. Mt Henry tells of Hugh Kennedy on his death-bed. Anne Steele.
2. Believers: Jn 14:19c *because I live you shall live also*.

1st: Paul Was Convinced - v38a

1. *For I am convinced..* concludes process of examination. Settled state of mind.
2. Concluded 8 chpts re: personal salvation. *Hope: Rm 8:24-25 & Tit 1:2 God who cannot lie. Faith, hope & love - abide [1C 13:13].*

2nd: David Was Convinced

1. Ps 56:1-2 threats of Rm 8:35, 38-39. David is *afraid* - v3-4. Greatest threat to faith is fear of future.
2. How do we imagine the future? W/ words: man's or God's? v4,10-11
3. Ps 57 *Destruction* (v1) has not yet *passed by*. Meanwhile, David trusts in *God Most High - His lovingkindness & truth*.
 - i. v5, 10,11 a transcendent, God-centered perspective. The ultimate issue is the *glory* of David's God - v1-2. David's confidence rests in God's commitment to God - as David's G - v3b. Can God break the IIIrd?
 - ii. David's state of mind - v7. Paul's *For I am convinced?* David expresses his confidence - v8-9: worship. *Nations* hear David *singing praises*. Threats drive David to worship where he experiences the certainty of future salvation. ****Worship brings the future promises of God into our present experience of God.****
 - iii. David is in midst of tribulation, experiencing being loved by His Lord.

3rd: I am Convinced

1. Accept testimony of 2 witnesses: Paul & David.
2. Sit at Jesus' table & tell Him that you too are *convinced*: taste & experience your future - eternal life & love in Christ!