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But this inquiry into the identity of God only scratches the surface! There are so many more attributes that we could have looked at in this series...

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For as we get to know Him better, the hope is that it will lead us to want to better respond to Him for who we know Him to be!      **Psalm 71**

**Vs. 1 – "In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!"**  
*"O my God, He will not delay. My refuge and strength always! I will not fear, His promise is true. My God will come through always, always!"*

God is omnipresent, but do we turn to Him in our times of trouble/need?

**Vs. 2 – "In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!"** It is not our righteousness that makes us worthy of rescuing, it's His! *"Not because of who I am, but b/c of what you've done..."*

God is righteous, but do we turn to Him & His holiness for our acceptance?

**Vs. 3 – "Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come..."**  
*"How firm our foundation, how sure our salvation & we will not be shaken..."*  
*"Rock of ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in Thee."*

God is a rock, our firm foundation, but do we stand upon His truth, & hide ourselves in the cleft of His salvation?      Do we come to Him for both?

**Vs. 4 – "Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man."** *"You alone can rescue, you alone can save..."*  
Not just from ourselves, but also our 3 sworn enemies & their endless attacks!

God is our deliverance, but are we trusting in His way of rescue?

**Vs. 5 – "For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth."**  
*"Strength will rise as we wait upon (hope/trust) the Lord..."*

God is our strength (from our youth), but are we exercising that strength?

**Vs. 6 – "Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb..."** *"From my mother's womb, You have chosen me... I'm no longer a slave to fear, because I am a child of God."*

God is sovereign, the source of our election, but are we confirming this truth?

**Vs. 7 – "I have been as a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge."**  
*"Almighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing!"*

God is omnipotent, all-powerful, but do we acknowledge Him as our strength?

Are we living in response to who "God is", & all that He has done & is doing?

**Vs. 19 – "You have done great things, O God, who is like you?"**

What should our response be to the attributes and work of God in our lives?

**Vs. 8 – "My mouth is filled with your praise, & with your glory all the day!"**

**Vs. 14-15 – "But I will hope continually & will praise you yet more & more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge."**

**Vs. 16 – "With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone."**

**Vs. 18 – "So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come."**

**Vs. 22 – "I will also praise you... for your faithfulness, O God... O Holy one."**

**Vs. 23 – "My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed."**

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We are called to be a model of praise to an onlooking world!

When everyone else is elevating "self", we are to be elevating God!

We are called to be "living sacrifices", by which making known the God who is!

*"This is our God, this is who He is, He loves us. This is our God, this is what he does, He saves us! He bore the cross, beat the grave. Let Heaven and Earth proclaim, this is our God, King Jesus!"*      **This is our rally cry!**

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May we do more than just get to know the God who is, let's make Him known!

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