WHERE COULD I GO

If you are going to make a commitment to anyone, it should be to the LORD. Over and over, Scripture paints a portrait of humanity that misses the mark and comes up short. There may be people who can assist us or encourage us through tough times, but there is only one person who can protect, preserve, and deliver us from evil - the LORD.

Psalm 31 is a powerful poem written by King David which highlights several attributes of Yahweh. My general outline for this song is:

(1-8) Yahweh Shelters

(9-13) David's Distress

(14-18) Yahweh's Faithfulness

(19-20) Yahweh's Goodness

(21-22) Yahweh's Loyalty

(23-24) Yahweh's Justice

Trust is the foundational element of this psalm. David mentions that he trusts in the LORD twice (6, 14). No matter how bad circumstances appear, Yahweh can be trusted to remain faithful to his promises. No matter how deep the distress is that we may face, God is worthy of our commitment.

Spend some time with Psalm 31. Meditate upon the descriptions by David. Try to recall (or look-up) the times in David's life about which he may be writing. We can always go to the LORD, and when the end comes, if our hope has been in him, then he will preserve us! So let us be strong and take heart!

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