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Prayer Meeting address by Mr. J. Delves at Ebenezer, Clapham  
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Reading Psalm 62

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This Psalm may be very timely in its exhortation to those who fear God, to put their trust in Him, for this is an act of confidence in the heart of a believer. We cannot properly put our trust in God unless we have a knowledge of Him to inspire that confidence in the heart. This the Psalmist had and he could feel it, he could say "He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved". He was moved probably by many things in his own feelings, but he was never moved from the foundation of his faith and hope.

"Trust in him at all times", not occasionally or just when things run smoothly, when no particular burden presses, for this is no trial of faith, but at all times; when the path is dark, when assailed by the enemy, when sore temptations lie upon us, and when we come to that pass, as some of us have done, to wonder where the scene will end. Was not this the case with Jonah when even from the belly of hell he cried unto the Lord, and the Lord heard his voice. So it may have been with some of you. You have been nearer to the Lord when you have been oppressed, burdened and weighed down than when things have been easy and comfortable. It is a timely exhortation, "Trust in him at all times"; it incorporates any circumstances in our life, any exercise in our soul, any mountain that may confront us, any thing that may threaten to overwhelm us, even then a living soul finds his refuge in God. "He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved". So it is you look for things, you look in anticipation for the Lord's response to your prayers, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him".  
Expectation is more than a hope really, it is the confidence of faith, a believing in the heart that the Lord will regard the prayer of His people and not despise it. So this may be a timely word to some of us. "Trust in him at all times; ye people pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us". Amen.