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THE FRAGILE STATE OF DAVID (9-13)

9 - Have mercy!

A. Continual Sorrow (10)

B. Complete Shame (11)

C. Cruel Loneliness (12-13)

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Two means of Leaning on the Lord in our Fragility:

1. Call to Mind God's Goodness (1-9)

YHWH - basis of his stability

Is 66:1; 40:12; 18:7

Job 1:21 - Not in shame but in Praise!

Through the righteousness of Christ

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3 Confident assertions of God's goodness:

1. God is my Shelter (2-3)

Bow down - David is weak

God is my Rock and Fortress - For His name's sake

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2. God is my Saviour (4-5)

You are my Strength - Neh 8:10

Into Your hands... I commit my Spirit - Luke 23:46

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I trust in YHWH - 1 Pet 4:19

The Lord's Closeness & Control - Ps 34:18; 113:4-9

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2. Comfort Your Soul with God's Purposes (14-24)

As for me - David's hope in contrast to his enemies

You are my God - 1 Tim 1:12

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2. Comfort Your Soul with God's Purposes (14-24)

3 Purposes of God that comfort us:

1. God will Protect us from Evil (15-18)

My times... in Your hands - my seasons, key events of life

The Lord's Love & Justice - He saves us to show His glory!

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3 Purposes of God that comfort us:

2. God will Provide Blessing (19-20)

19-*Goodness... stored up* - for those with fear and faith (Eph 2:10)

20-*Hidden (stored) from men* - Protected from wicked men

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3. God will Perfect His Love in us (21-24)

21-Blessed be YHWH - He has shown sweet kindness!

22-Alarm - haste or impatience

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23-Love! - because He has first loved us!

22-Be Strong... take courage - Josh 1:6,9