

SOUL-ATTITUDE.

Psalms 62 and 63.

Address by Dr. McTavish, Tuesday Afternoon, October 25th.

In these two Psalms we have four attitudes of the soul toward God. The first is found in verse 1 of the 62nd Psalm, "waiting"—"Truly my soul waiteth upon God." The idea is often present to our minds that if we could get some particular man before us we should get blessing. We wait upon man instead of upon God, and sometimes men, even good men, get in between God and the blessing God wants to give to His people. They sometimes get in the way, not out of any fault of theirs, but because the people do persist in looking at the man. Oh that we might get into the attitude of waiting upon God, verse 5, "My soul, wait thou only upon God."

This attitude is described also in the 5th verse, "For my expectation is from Him." It is important to be in the attitude of definite expectation. If we expect nothing we shall get what we expect, that is almost certain, and if you expect a blessing for others no doubt some others will get a blessing, but it is interesting to notice that the blessing begins with the individual himself, "my soul," and if there is going to be real blessing it must begin with me, with you. You must take your eyes off those you are anxious about. Pastors are anxious about their congregations, teachers over their Sabbath school classes, fathers and mothers over their children—all very blessed desires to have; but before there can be any full blessing it must be "My soul, wait thou only upon God." We must get face to face with God for ourselves first.

Psalm 63, verse 1, "My soul thirsteth." Here is the thirst of a believing soul, because it is the thirst of one who says, "O God, Thou art my God, early will I seek Thee, my soul thirsteth for Thee." We do not know very much about thirst. Few of us have been really thirsty in our lives, but a dweller in a tropical country knows what it is. I have read sometimes of the sufferings endured by soldiers in the tropics, sometimes for days without water, until thousands of pores are calling out for drink. That was the Psalmist's idea of thirst—real longing of the soul—"My soul thirsteth for thee,"—a craving of the soul for God's very presence. You may