

An Old Man Looks at a New Year

Psalm 71

Perspective changes with age

An old man's view (9-11)

Superscription: prayer of an old man for deliverance

When I am old (v 9)

Course 1: Get your security right (1-6a, 7, 12, 14a)

Words of safety

A long walk (*from birth; from my youth*)

The world offers fraudulent security

Course 2: Get your praise on (6b, 8, 14b, 22-23)

We've seen before the power of praise

It's counterintuitive. We need regular reminders.

Note: it's volitional, not just emotional (*I will*)

it's continual (v 6) and increasing (v 14)

In virtual church, it's tempting to skip the songs.

3rd course: Get real - life has hurts & injustices (10-11, 20-21)

No-one wants to be aging and feel forsaken by God

Author and occasion unknown

Still reaching to trust God

4th course: Get vocal

- a new generation needs to hear (15-19, 24)

Proclaim!

Romans 10:13-17

The Lord's Supper – one form of proclamation

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