

FINAL STUDY NOTES – 2 Samuel Chapters 21-22 12/8-9/2025

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OPENING PRAYER

2 SAMUEL – Chapter 21 – David Avenges the Gibeonites – (vs. 1-14); Philistine Giants Destroyed – (vs. 15-22); Chapter 22 – Praise for God’s Deliverance – (vs. 1-51)!

David Avenges the Gibeonites

2Sa 21:1 *Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years (consecutive), year after year; and David inquired (sought the face) of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites."*

- **There are problems in the land, the nation is in trouble.** They have had three years of drought. Supplies are now being rationed. David begins to realize that this is not just coincidence, there is something wrong, and he began to seek the face of the Lord, to discover the reason why.
- **The LORD revealed the reason for this drought,** for this famine, was Saul’s inhumane treatment against the Gibeonites. During the reign of Saul, he began to put the Gibeonites to death, in his zeal for the children of Israel. It was wrong, because of this covenant. God expects you to honor a covenant, even though it may have been done in a false pretense, God wanted them to respect and honor the covenant.

2Sa 21:2 So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.

- Saul did this not to please God but to please the people. A people pleaser is never a good leader in the kingdom, because our marching orders are to be on the vertical and not on the horizontal, or we are not worth anything.
- **On whom is my priority in pleasing others? Is it overwhelmingly in pleasing God? Or is there compromising in my life of pleasing man? How much compromise in pleasing man is there?**

2Sa 21:3 Therefore David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?"

- How can we make this thing right to you so our relationship can be proper and healthy once again? *That you may bless the inheritance of the LORD.* How can this mutually beneficial relationship between us be restored?
- **When man's blood is shed, the shedding of blood must take place to make atonement for it.** Note God's requirement of life for life here! (*Num 35:33*) *So you shall not pollute the land where you are; for blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it.*
- So David says, What shall we do to make atonement that you may again bless the children of Israel instead of being offended or cursing them?
- **Notice the Biblical requirement of life for life for murder! Prayer is so needed for our nation. Our ratio in the U.S. is 20-25/yr die from capital punishment for approximately 20,000 homicides/yr.**

2Sa 21:4-6 And the Gibeonites said to him, "We will have no silver or gold (We cannot be bought off here.) from Saul or from his house, nor shall you kill any man in Israel for us." So he said, "Whatever you say, I will do for you." [5] Then they answered the king, "As for the man who consumed us and plotted against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the territories of Israel, [6] let seven men (sons) of his descendants be delivered to us, and we will hang them before the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, whom the LORD chose." And the king said, "I will give them."

- We want seven of Saul's descendants to hang. David said, "Alright, you'll have it."

*2Sa 21:7-8 But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. [8] So the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, and the five sons of Michal (should be Merab - *1Sa 18:19*) the daughter of Saul, whom she (Michal) brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite (different from Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim);*

- Rizpah was a concubine of Saul, who bore two sons. This Mephibosheth, being the son of Saul, would have been an uncle to Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan. So Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, was named after his uncle.. This Mephibosheth was the son of Saul, from the concubine whose name was Rizpah, and he and his brother Armoni were two of the seven men.
- **When David went out to fight the giant, Saul hesitated** to give his daughter Merab, as his wife, because he became jealous of David. His older daughter Merab should have been David's wife. But instead, Saul gave her to this guy Adriel, who we read about here. Merab had five sons. She should have been David's wife.
- **Saul pulled a fast one on him, and when Saul said, "Well look, take Michal,"** She was a gutsy little gal, and he figured, she will be more than David can handle!" She became a problem to David. She was testy, nasty mouthed. She put David down, when he came back from victory, bringing back the ark of the covenant, he was out there dancing for the LORD, blessing all of Israel. Everybody is on a spiritual high. He comes home and she said, "Ah ha, weren't you fancy out there today, playing in that linen robe like common people, you looked sick!" David says, "That is enough of your mouth!" He never knew her again, leaving her without children, to experience the social curse of being childless.
- **However, her sister Merab who had had five sons, evidently had died**, and Michal had taken, and raised those five sons. The Gibeonites want seven descendants of Saul, so David took those five sons.

Perhaps again, still in spite against Michal, he took the five sons that she had raised for her sister Merab, and with the two sons of Saul, by the concubine Rizpah, giving to the Gibeonites.

2Sa 21:9-10 and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the hill before the LORD. So they fell, all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest. [10] Now Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until the late rains poured on them from heaven. And she did not allow the birds of the air to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

- **Rizpah, the mother of the two sons**, took sackcloth for an extended period of time, *would not allow any of the birds of the air to rest upon them*, She beat the vultures, jackals and the coyotes away from their bodies *by day and by night*.
- **When it started to rain**, it was an indication that what had happened here, had appeased the justice of God related to this ethnic cleansing, and that the blood guilt was lifted off of the nation of Israel and the drought was ended.

2Sa 21:11 And David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

- David was so far from being displeased at what Rizpah had done that he himself was stirred up by it to do honor to the house of Saul, not out of any personal disgust to the family that he delivered them up, but that he was obliged to do it for the public good.
- **Notice how David's heart was touched by Rizpah's witness in guarding her son's bodies. Consider how our witness is for Jesus Christ! Noticed by many! Our faithful witness is one of the primary reasons we believers are still here on earth to make eternal investments!**

2Sa 21:12 Then David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, from the men of Jabesh Gilead who had stolen them from the street of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hung them up, after the Philistines had struck down Saul in Gilboa.

2Sa 21:13 So he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there; and they gathered the bones of those who had been hanged.

- Following the death of Saul and his sons in battle, the men of Jabesh Gilead came over to Beth Shean, where the Philistines had hung them on the wall, taking bodies and buried them over in Jabesh Gilead. Now David, hearing of the seven fellows, and Rizpah out there, protecting the bodies as they decay, is moved to give Saul and Jonathan a proper burial in their hometown of Gibeah.

2Sa 21:14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the tomb of Kish his father. So they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God heeded the prayer for the land.

- David gave these seven a public burial, together with the remains of Saul and Jonathan.
- So they performed all that the king commanded, and after that, God heeded the prayer of the land. His justice was satisfied by what occurred here. And He began once again to hear the prayers of rain for the land.

War with the Philistines - David's conflicts with the family of Goliath

2Sa 21:15-17 When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David and his servants with him went down and fought against the Philistines; and David grew faint. [16] Then Ishbi-Benob, who was one of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose bronze spear was three hundred shekels (8-10 lbs.), who was bearing a new sword, thought he could kill David. [17] But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came to his aid, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall go out no more with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel."

- Though these events cannot be located chronologically with any certainty, the narratives of victory provide a fitting preface to David's song of praise, which magnifies God's deliverance.
- So these men get protective of David in his old age, saying you are the lamp, the leader of Israel. Nobody has your abilities and your history with God and with the people of Israel. You are our only king. David realized that in the latter part of his life, the great value that he would bring to the nation would no longer be his physical strength in battle, but his relationship with God and what he knew in terms of experience in leading the nation.

2Sa 21:18 Now it happened afterward that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Saph, who was one of the sons of the giant.

- They are going to eliminate the family of Goliath, and all of these giants. This gives you the story of the elimination of these guys.

2Sa 21:19-20 Again there was war at Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. [20] Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant.

- He must have been a fearsome looking guy!

2Sa 21:21-22 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him. [22] These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

- The death of these four sons of Goliath brought the reign of terror and all caused by the Philistines against Israel to an end, at least as it related to the giants.
- This gives us insight into David's battle with Goliath in the Elah Valley as a young boy. He takes that sling, going to the brook to get stones and was led by the LORD to grab five stones? He probably figured from a revenge killing, that Goliath's four sons might step in and take on David.
- This reminds us of the cost of unbelief – 40 years in the wilderness. (*Num 13:33*) *There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.* (*Num 14:11b*) *"How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?"*
- **The reminder here of the cost of unbelief. How much of a tendency do I have to err in unbelief?**

Chapter 22 - We have this beautiful deliverance Psalm of David.

- As we come here, we come to a very interesting passage of Scripture, because it is also Psalm 18. It is in the Bible twice. If it is in there twice, the whole length of it, and it is in there and it is repeated, then there is a witness in that for us, two or more witnesses. If God writes something this long out twice and lays it before us, He has something He wants to say to us. There is something that this should speak to us. In this psalm, David is saying I am not a self-made man. I am not more disciplined, stronger, smarter than anybody else! What I am, I am because of the grace of God!
- David first describes how the LORD had delivered him from his enemies (vs. 5-20), then declares why the LORD had delivered him from his enemies (vs. 21-28), and then states the extent of the LORD's deliverance from his enemies (vs. 29-46). The song concludes with David's resolve to praise his delivering LORD, even among the Gentiles (vs. 47-51).

David's Song of Deliverance

2Sa 22:1 Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

- This verse pretty much summarized the introduction given in Psalm 18, "To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul."

2Sa 22:2 And he said: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

- The LORD as a rock, is a common symbol. It is suggested that you go through the bible, with a concordance, and study how that the rock has become a symbol for God. He is our strength, strong as a rock. My fortress! A place of defense, as a rock.
- And my deliverer: Out of all afflictions, and from all temptations; out of the hands of all enemies; from a body of sin and death at last, and from wrath to come!

2Sa 22:3 The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; (Heb 2:13a) And again: "I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM." My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence.

- David is surely one of the most articulate persons who has ever lived. Gifted and blessed with the capacity of articulating unto God. The praises, the worship, the acknowledgment of all that God is! Whenever I am in need of a way of expressing myself to God, feeling a limitation to adequately

express that, I turn to the Psalms. I can personalize these things of David, helping me to express it. He helps me to give expression to my own spirit, when I read the Psalms, as he spoke by the Spirit of God, these things, and appreciation unto the Lord.

- **My God** - Who has been to me a God; that is, in whom I have found all that is implied in the idea of "God" - a Protector, Helper, Friend, Father, Savior. A "God" is different from all other ideas.
- **My strength** - My rock, denoting that God is a refuge or protection, as a rock is to one in danger.
- **In whom I will trust** - I have found Him to be a refuge in the past. I will confide in Him always.
- **My shield** - Protecting and defending me.
- **The horn of my salvation** - The "horn" is to animals the means of their defense in danger.
- **And my refuge** (high tower) - (*Pro 18:10*) *The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.* "
- **My Savior** *You save me from violence* - Saving, rescuing, bringing salvation, getting victory!
- **How thankful am I for the articulating of the Psalms? Am I taking advantage of this aspect of His word in my thanksgiving, praise and worship of my LORD?**

2Sa 22:4 *I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.*

- So David will call upon the **LORD** because God is his refuge, his strength, his fortress! In calling upon the LORD, he is delivered. He is saved from the enemy!

How: (vs. 5-20) **2Sa 22:5** *"When the waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid.*

- David had scary situations in his life where ungodly and wicked men came against him like a flood.

2Sa 22:6-7 *The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. [7] In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry entered His ears.*

- David speaks of the times of being hemmed in. There were many times when it seemed like Saul was going to destroy him. Often times in our lives, as we are undergoing constant pressure, it begins to finally tell upon us, and we get discouraged. *In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice.*
- (**Jer 29:12-13**) *Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. [13] And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.* So, God's people learn to call upon Him, and find His help, and His strength! (**Jer 33:3**) *'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'*

2Sa 22:8-9 *"Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. (fierce wrath). [9] Smoke went up from His nostrils And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.*

- David is speaking of the tremendous thunderstorms and the lightning, by which he was delivered from the enemy.

2Sa 22:10-18 *He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet. [11] He rode upon a cherub, and flew; And He was seen upon the wings of the wind. [12] He made darkness canopies around Him, Dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. [13] From the brightness before Him Coals of fire were kindled. [14] "The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice. [15] He sent out arrows and scattered them; Lightning bolts, and He vanquished them. [16] Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered, At the rebuke of the LORD, At the blast of the breath of His nostrils. [17] "He sent from above, He took me, He drew me out of many waters. [18] He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me; For they were too strong for me.*

- God intervened, probably in one of the times that Saul had him cornered. It looked like David had had it. God sends this violent, extremely violent storm, that David describes in very picturesque speech. How that God came and discomfited Saul, giving opportunity for escape. Tremendous lightning storms!

2Sa 22:19-20 *They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support. [20] He also brought me out into a broad (safe) place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.*

- **That is true. The LORD delighted in David**, even as He delights in you, as His child. It is so important for you to realize that the LORD delights in you. He is for you! David said, “The LORD is on my side, I shall not fear what man can do unto me.” God knew all about David. He knew the weaknesses of David, and yet the LORD delighted in him.
- **We owe our salvation, that great deliverance, to the delight God had** in the Son of David, in whom He has declared Himself to be well pleased!

Why? (vs. 21-28) 2Sa 22:21-25 ***"The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. [22] For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God. [23] For all His judgments were before me; And as for His statutes, I did not depart from them. [24] I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity. [25] Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to my cleanness in His eyes. [26] "With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; [27] With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. [28] You will save the humble people; But Your eyes are on the haughty, that You may bring them down.***

- **David was not claiming to be righteous or sinless in any absolute sense.** Rather, David (1) believed God, (2) was considered righteous by faith, and (3) desired to please the LORD and be obedient to His commands. Thus he was blameless when compared with his enemies.

The Extent: (vs. 29-46) "For You are my lamp, O LORD; The LORD shall enlighten my darkness.

- **So God is dealing with men.** “*Blessed are the merciful*,” Jesus said, “*for they shall obtain mercy*.” With the merciful, God will show Himself merciful. With the upright, God will show Himself upright. With the pure, He will show Himself pure.
- **But I am these things, only as I am in Christ.** My righteousness is not of my own making. It is not of my own efforts. My righteousness is something that God has imputed to me through my faith in Jesus Christ, and so by my faith and trust in Jesus Christ, *He makes me merciful, upright, pure!*

2Sa 22:30 For by You I can run against a troop; By my God I can leap (scaling) **over a wall.**

- **David is giving thanks for his past victories as well as giving thanks for current strength**, strong enough to accomplish supernatural feats. Crediting God, not himself!

2Sa 22:31 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

- **Beautiful words! God’s ways are perfect!** Oh God help me to realize that! Sometimes I complain to God concerning His ways. “Lord, why did this have to happen? Lord why have you made me thus?” and yet I realize that God is sovereign, and as the potter, He has absolute power over the clay to make of it whatever kind of a vessel He wants.
- **But God’s ways are perfect. God’s dealing with my life is perfect**, for it is tried, *proven* for those that trust in Him. *a shield to all who trust in Him*.

2Sa 22:32 "For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

- **There is no other!** (*Isa 45:6b*) *That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other!*

2Sa 22:33 God is my strength and power, And He makes my way perfect.

- **God is my strength and power.** They are true of Christ, the Man of God's right hand, whom He promised to strengthen, and whom He has made strong for Himself,
- **The LORD will perfect that which concerns you.** (*Psa 101:2*) *I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.*

2Sa 22:34 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

- **Think of an antelope or an ibex, who stands on the tops of the mountains, and is fleet of foot**, running all over the mountains.

2Sa 22:35 He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

- **God has given me enough strength to draw on a bronze bow, which is the strongest bow!** Now that requires tremendous strength. Today you can get bows of sixty, seventy, eighty pounds pull on them. The bronze bow had a pulling strength of about ninety pounds! David speaks of God giving him strength so that he could draw with a bronze bow.

2Sa 22:36 "You have also given me the shield (protection) **of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great.**

- ***Your gentleness has made me great:*** For David, it wasn't only about skill and power. It was also receiving God's mercy and enjoying relationship with the God of great ***gentleness***, which was also a resource of strength for David.
- ***David ascribes all his own greatness to the condescending goodness and*** graciousness of his Father in heaven. Let us all feel this sentiment in our own hearts, and confess that whatever of goodness or greatness God may have put upon us, we must cast our crowns at His feet, and cry, ***Thy gentleness has made me great.*** (Spurgeon)

2Sa 22:37-38 You enlarged my path under me (making it wide, safe); ***So my feet did not slip. [38] "I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.***

- ***David was all victory with Him.*** He did no retreat in his life and ministry.
- ***I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them:*** David relished the place of victory he had in the LORD. He wasn't hesitant to proclaim it, either out of false humility or out of uncertainty of possessing the victory. He knew that enemies might rise again, but he looked back confidently at the field of battle.

2Sa 22:39 And I have destroyed them and wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet.

- ***Oh God has been with me, God has helped me,*** God has delivered the enemies into my hands!

2Sa 22:40 For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me.

- ***It is impossible to over emphasize ascribing all our victories to the God of our salvation.*** It is true that we have to wrestle with our spiritual antagonists, but the triumph is far more the LORD's than ours. We must not boast like the ambitious in vain glory, but may we exult as the willing and believing instruments in the LORD's hands of accomplishing His great designs.

2Sa 22:41-44 You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me. [42] They looked, but there was none to save; Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them. [43] Then I beat them as fine as the dust of the earth; I trod them like dirt in the streets, And I spread them out. [44] "You have also delivered me from the strivings of my people; You have kept me as the head of the nations. A people I have not known shall serve me.

- ***You have kept me as the head of the nations:*** David knew that the throne belonged to God. David knew, "The throne is not mine. Not to have, not to take, not to protect, and not to keep. The throne is the LORD's." Therefore, when David *had* the throne, he knew it was God who gave it to him.

2Sa 22:45-46 The foreigners submit to me; As soon as they hear, they obey me. [46] The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

- ***Empowered by God, David was able to gain*** total victory over his enemies.

David's Desire to Praise: (vs. 47-51) 2Sa 22:47 "The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, The Rock of my salvation!"

- ***The LORD lives. That is good to say,*** not just on Resurrection Sunday. For God is alive. David recognized it. He said, My life is a testimony. No other explanation for my life, except that God lives. Do you have any other explanation for your life at this point, except for the fact that God is alive?
- ***Blessed be my rock, that God be exalted, the rock of my salvation.*** If we begin with 'The LORD is my Rock,' we shall end with 'Blessed be my Rock. I like that praise.
- ***The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock:*** All of this made David love and honor the LORD more than ever. He gave praise to God for the great things He had done.

2Sa 22:48-49 It is God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me; [49] He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.

- ***He delivers me from my enemies.*** David could say confidently that not only that God would give him ***deliverance***, but also more importantly that he was ***His king***. David knew this because he did all that he could to make sure that he did not usurp the throne. He let God give it to him in time. David therefore had the blessed benefit of knowing that he was God's king, and not one of his own making!
- ***God delivered the Edomites, the Moabites, the Ammonites, and these nations*** roundabout Israel into David's power, becoming subservient to David. He had truly ***delivered David from the violent man,*** most notably the murderous Saul who hunted him.

2Sa 22:50 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name.

- **(Rom 15:9) and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "FOR THIS REASON I WILL CONFESS TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES, AND SING TO YOUR NAME."** The words of our Lord Jesus Christ here indicate that a **greater than David** is here!
- **Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name:** On one level, this was David praising God for his deliverance and safety among his neighboring kingdoms. On a second level, Paul quotes this in (Rom 15:8-12) as the first of four Old Testament prophesies demonstrating that the work of Jesus Christ was not only for the Jewish people, but for the Gentiles also.

2Sa 22:51 "He is the tower of salvation to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore."

- **And shows mercy to His anointed:** David perhaps thought back some 20 years before, when he was first **anointed** for the throne that he now received. It had been a long, but important journey between the time of his anointing and his receiving the throne.
- **To David and his descendants forevermore:** Here David understood something by either intuition or by faith, something that would not be specifically promised to him until later. The promise was that David (and not Saul) would begin a hereditary monarchy in Israel, and that **his descendants** would also sit on the throne of Israel. This was the promise to build a house for David that God explicitly made in (2Sa 7:1-17).
- **So the glorious psalm of David, as he recognizes that God has been the One that has been with him,** strengthened him, helped him, gave him power over his enemies, delivered the enemies into his hands, and gave him to reign over the people, having anointed him. Thus his thanksgiving, and praise, and acknowledgment of God, for the things that God had done in his life.
- **David ends all of this, and there is that desire that he has in ending this psalm** that everyone would recognize, I am not a self-made man. I am not more disciplined, stronger, smarter than anybody else! What I am, I am because of the grace of God!
- **How much does my life reflect that all I am is only because of the God's grace?**

SUMMARY

- **Is my priority in pleasing others?** Is it overwhelmingly in pleasing God? Or is there compromising in my life of pleasing man? How much compromise in pleasing man is there? (2Sa 21:2)
- **Notice the Biblical requirement of life for life for murder! How our nation needs prayer!** The U.S. nation is 20-25/yr dying from capital punishment for about 20,000 homicides/yr. (2Sa 21:3)
- **Notice how David's heart was touched by Rizpah's witness** in guarding her son's bodies. Consider how our witness is for Jesus Christ! Noticed by many! Our faithful witness is one of the primary reasons we believers are still here on earth to make eternal investments! (2Sa 21:11)
- **Giants in the land! The reminder here of the cost of unbelief.** How much of a tendency do I have to err in unbelief? (2Sa 21:22)
- **How thankful am I for the articulating of the Psalms?** Am I taking advantage of this aspect of His word in my thanksgiving, praise and worship of my LORD? (2Sa 22:3)
- **How much does my life reflect that all I am is only because of the God's grace?** (2Sa 22:53)
- **(2Sa 22:47) "The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, The Rock of my salvation!**

ROCK OF AGES — Augustus Toplady, sung by Ernie Ford (2:39/2:42)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; Save from wrath and make me pure
 2. Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know, These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. In my hand no price I bring; Simply to the cross I cling
 3. While I draw this fleeting breath When mine eyes shall close in death. When I rise to worlds unknown and behold beyond Thy Throne. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee. Let me hide myself in Thee.

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study 2 Samuel, Chapters 23-24!