

PSALM 18 – God the Sovereign Savior – Praise for God’s Deliverance!

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I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD – Maranatha Music

*I Will Call Upon The Lord Who Is Worthy To Be Praised So Shall I Be Saved From Mine Enemies
The Lord Liveth And Blessed Be the Rock And May The God Of My Salvation Be Exalted
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I Will Call Upon The Lord. [2]

PSALM 18 – A Retrospect of David – A looking back and contemplating the past of David!

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. And He Said:

Psa 18:1 I will love (raham-only time translated love is here; 46 other times used by always by God having compassion, mercy, pity as a Father toward man) You, O LORD, my strength.

Psa 18:2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psa 18:3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Psa 18:4 The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

Psa 18:5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

Psa 18:6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears. (power of prayer)

Psa 18:7 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. (God’s response)

Psa 18:8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

Psa 18:9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.

Psa 18:10 And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.

Psa 18:11 He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters And thick clouds of the skies.

Psa 18:12 From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire.

Psa 18:13 The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.

Psa 18:14 He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them.

Psa 18:15 Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. (Whatever God had to be faithful in my life – He did that!)

Psa 18:16 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

Psa 18:17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me.

Psa 18:18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support.

Psa 18:19 He also brought me out into a broad (safe) place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

Psa 18:20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.

Psa 18:21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.

Psa 18:22 For all His judgments were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me.

Psa 18:23 I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity. (David is not saying he is sinless, but that he has the confidence in God that only can come from someone who is walking close to Him – a blessing from an obedient life.)

Psa 18:24 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.

Psa 18:25 With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;

Psa 18:26 With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.

Psa 18:27 For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.

Psa 18:28 For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Psa 18:29 For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall.

Psa 18:30 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

Psa 18:31 For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

Psa 18:32 It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.

Psa 18:33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

Psa 18:34 He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

Psa 18:35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

Psa 18:36 You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.

Psa 18:37 I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.

Psa 18:38 I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet.

Psa 18:39 For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

Psa 18:40 You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me.

Psa 18:41 They cried out, but there was none to save; Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them.

Psa 18:42 Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.

Psa 18:43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; A people I have not known shall serve me.

Psa 18:44 As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me.

Psa 18:45 The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

Psa 18:46 The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted. (Closes with final praise!)

Psa 18:47 It is God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me;

Psa 18:48 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.

Psa 18:49 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name.

Psa 18:50 Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

SUMMARY:

- This Psalm, describing in retrospect David's life and his total dependence upon God, is to result in giving only God the praise for what David has done, not of his own talents or personal greatness.
- Not to look upon David in any way as a self-made man but has only what has resulted from the grace of God and His involvement in David's life!
- This is a long Psalm, indicating we can never give God too much praise, too much thanksgiving for all that He has done for us!

ROCK OF AGES – Augustus Toplady, sung by Ernie Ford

*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.*

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