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Witness to God in times of adversity

Summary of Samuel 22:

Chapter 22 is David's psalm of thanksgiving after Jehovah delivered him from his enemies and King Saul. In this psalm, David praises God's faithfulness, salvation, and protection. David acknowledges God as His Rock, His Fortress, His Savior, His Shield, His Salvation. He recounts how God answered his prayers when he was in trouble, and how God saved him and saved him from his enemies. David declared that God's ways were perfect, and that his words were proven to be true. He praises God's justice and righteousness, as well as His mercy and kindness. David concludes the psalm by affirming his trust in God and his commitment to serve him forever. The book of wisdom often refers to "the righteous" and the "wicked," and some interpreters refer to both groups of people as "those who are faithful to Jehovah" and "those whose attitudes and actions disregard the God of Israel and His will." David shouldn't say he's a perfect person. This is written early in David's reign, when David had such a close relationship with God that we really don't see any particular shortcomings in David's time. However, because of man's sinful nature, no one can fully obey God's Word and be blameless in all His paths, so what does "perfection" mean here? Rather, it means that He will always be faithful to God and His covenant, and even if He has sinned, He will still humbly return to God to accept His judgment and seek His forgiveness.

Like David, Jesus faithfully testified to the Lord in the midst of adversity and hardship, fulfilling his mission on earth and leaving us with an example of complete obedience. Jesus has given us salvation, and we need to have the spiritual vision of David, knowing that the God we trust in is with us. Therefore, we must still keep God's Word in the dark age, and in times of adversity, we

must bear witness to Him in faith, live out Christ in our lives, and let the world see the invisible God in our lives.

2Samuel 22:17 "He stretched out his hand from on high and seized me; He pulled me out of the deep water.

2Samuel 22:18 He delivered me from my mighty enemies, from my enemies, who were too strong for me.

2Samuel 22:19 In the day of my plague they confronted me, but the Lord was my support.

2Samuel 22:49 He saved me from the hand of my enemies. Thou hast exalted me above my enemies; You saved me from the hands of violent people.

2Samuel 22:50 I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name.

Ode with new hymns

Yahweh, thou hast stretched out thy hand and seized me,

Pulled me out of the deep water.

The enemy is surging, and I cannot defeat the enemy,

But you are my strong assurance.

In the darkness you are my light,

In the midst of despair, you are my guide.

Thou hast delivered me from the pursuit of my enemies,

Thy lovingkindness is like a river that nourishes the field of my heart.

When the calamity is near, you are with me,

Your strength has made me strong and fearless.

I was like a wanderer and helpless,

Now in your hands is comforted.

I will sing praises to thy name, O LORD,

Praise your grace among the nations.

Thou hast lifted me up above my enemies,  
Show your power and glory.

We pray together:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for being with us every moment of our lives. Today, we come to You with thanksgiving to You to offer our praise. We praise You as the Almighty God who created all things in the universe, and that Your greatness and glory are beyond our comprehension. Thank You for demonstrating Your love and grace in our lives and leading us on the path of righteousness. Help us to always be thankful and glorify Your name in all our deeds and words. May Your name be forever praised and honored in heaven and on earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

## 2Samuel chapter 22

2Sa. 22:1 David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

2Sa. 22:2 He said: “The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

2Sa. 22:3 my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn [Horn here symbolises strength.] of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my saviour — from violent men you save me.

2Sa. 22:4 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

2Sa. 22:5 “The waves of death swirled about me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

2Sa. 22:6 The cords of the grave [Hebrew Sheol] coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.

2Sa. 22:7 In my distress I called to the LORD; I called out to my God.

From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears. 2Sa. 22:8 “The earth trembled and quaked, the foundations of the heavens [Hebrew; Vulgate and Syriac (see also Psalm 18:7) mountains] shook; they trembled because he was angry.

2Sa. 22:9 Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.

2Sa. 22:10 He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet.

2Sa. 22:11 He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared [Many Hebrew manuscripts (see also Psalm 18:10); most Hebrew manuscripts appeared] on the wings of the wind.

2Sa. 22:12 He made darkness his canopy around him — the dark [Septuagint and Vulgate (see also Psalm 18:11); Hebrew massed] rain clouds of the sky.

2Sa. 22:13 Out of the brightness of his presence bolts of lightning blazed forth.

2Sa. 22:14 The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most

High resounded.

2Sa. 22:15 He shot arrows and scattered the enemies, bolts of lightning and routed them.

2Sa. 22:16 The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of breath from his nostrils.

2Sa. 22:17 “He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.

2Sa. 22:18 He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

2Sa. 22:19 They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support.

2Sa. 22:20 He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

2Sa. 22:21 “The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.

2Sa. 22:22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God.

2Sa. 22:23 All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees.

2Sa. 22:24 I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin.

2Sa. 22:25 The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness [Hebrew; Septuagint and Vulgate (see also Psalm 18:24) to the cleanness of my hands] in his sight.

2Sa. 22:26 “To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless,

2Sa. 22:27 to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.

2Sa. 22:28 You save the humble, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low.

2Sa. 22:29 You are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD turns my darkness into light.

2Sa. 22:30 With your help I can advance against a troop; [Or can run through a barricade] with my God I can scale a wall.

2Sa. 22:31 “As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

2Sa. 22:32 For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?

2Sa. 22:33 It is God who arms me with strength [Dead Sea Scrolls, some Septuagint manuscripts, Vulgate and Syriac (see also

Psalms 18:32); Masoretic Text who is my strong refuge] and makes my way perfect.

2Sa. 22:34 He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.

2Sa. 22:35 He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

2Sa. 22:36 You give me your shield of victory; you stoop down to make me great.

2Sa. 22:37 You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn over.

2Sa. 22:38 "I pursued my enemies and crushed them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed.

2Sa. 22:39 I crushed them completely, and they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet.

2Sa. 22:40 You armed me with strength for battle; you made my adversaries bow at my feet.

2Sa. 22:41 You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes.

2Sa. 22:42 They cried for help, but there was no-one to save them — to the LORD, but he did not answer.

2Sa. 22:43 I beat them as fine as the dust of the earth; I pounded and trampled them like mud in the streets.

2Sa. 22:44 "You have delivered me from the attacks of my people; you have preserved me as the head of nations. People I did not know are subject to me,

2Sa. 22:45 and foreigners come cringing to me; as soon as they hear me, they obey me.

2Sa. 22:46 They all lose heart; they come trembling [Some Septuagint manuscripts and Vulgate (see also Psalm 18:45); Masoretic Text they arm themselves.] from their strongholds.

2Sa. 22:47 "The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock, my Saviour!

2Sa. 22:48 He is the God who avenges me, who puts the nations under me,

2Sa. 22:49 who sets me free from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from violent men you rescued me.

2Sa. 22:50 Therefore I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name.

2Sa. 22:51 He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever."

Summary of chapter 22 of the book of 2 Samuel:

Chapter 22 is a psalm of thanksgiving that David composed after the Lord delivered him from his enemies and from the hand of King Saul. In this psalm, David praises God for His faithfulness, His deliverance, and His protection. David acknowledges that God is his rock, his fortress, his deliverer, his shield, and his salvation. He recounts how God answered his prayers when he was in distress, and how God came to his rescue and saved him from his enemies. David declares that God's way is perfect, and that His word is proven true. He praises God for His justice and His righteousness, and for His mercy and His kindness. David concludes the psalm by affirming his trust in God and his commitment to serving Him forever.

Chapter 22 of the book of 2 Samuel contains a poetic hymn of thanksgiving that David wrote to God after being delivered from his enemies. Here are some important verses from this chapter:

1. "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence." (2 Samuel 22:2-3) - This verse opens the hymn of thanksgiving with a series of metaphors that David uses to describe God's protection and deliverance. It emphasizes the deep gratitude that David feels towards God for keeping him safe.
2. "In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears." (2 Samuel 22:7) - This verse highlights the personal relationship that David has with God, and how he turns to God in times of trouble. It also shows David's faith that God is listening and will answer his prayers.
3. "For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall." (2 Samuel 22:29-30) - This verse speaks to David's confidence in God's strength and protection. It shows how he believes that with God's help, he can overcome any obstacle or challenge.
4. "The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation." (2 Samuel 22:47) - This verse serves as a concluding statement to the hymn, reiterating David's faith and gratitude towards God. It shows that David sees God as the source of his salvation and the one who deserves all praise and honor.

Overall, Chapter 22 of 2 Samuel is a beautiful and powerful hymn of thanksgiving that expresses David's deep faith in God and his gratitude for God's deliverance. It is a testament to the strength of David's relationship with God and his belief in God's power to protect and save.

In 2 Samuel Chapter 22, we encounter David's song of deliverance and praise to God. This chapter is often referred to as the "Song of David" or "David's Psalm of Thanksgiving." Here are some key reflections from the chapter:

**David's Acknowledgment of God's Deliverance:** The chapter begins with David proclaiming his love for the Lord and recognizing God as his rock, fortress, deliverer, and refuge. David acknowledges that God is his strength and source of salvation. This reflects David's deep faith and gratitude for God's continuous deliverance throughout his life.

**God's Faithfulness and Power:** David praises God for His faithfulness, righteousness, and mighty acts. He describes God's intervention in his life, such as delivering him from enemies, protecting him from danger, and granting him victory in battles. David's song reflects his trust in God's power and his acknowledgment of God's unwavering faithfulness.

**God's Response to the Upright:** David acknowledges that God responds to the righteous and rewards their integrity. He declares that God's ways are perfect and that He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. This highlights the importance of living a righteous life and seeking God's protection and guidance.

**The Character of God:** Throughout the chapter, David describes various attributes of God, such as His mercy, justice, and righteousness. He praises God for His purity and for His response to the humble and the afflicted. David's song emphasizes the character of God and serves as a reminder of His goodness and compassion.

**Victory and Triumph:** David's song portrays his experiences of victory and triumph over his enemies. He describes how God empowered him to overcome his adversaries and established him as the head of nations. This reflects David's recognition that his successes were ultimately attributed to God's favor and intervention.

Overall, 2 Samuel Chapter 22 offers reflections on David's acknowledgment of God's deliverance, God's faithfulness and power, the response of God to the upright, the character of God, and the experience of victory and triumph. It serves as a testament to David's faith and gratitude, highlighting the importance of trust in God's faithfulness and the recognition of His sovereign power.

