

# Psalms 18

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Written during David's period of stability, it can be clearly seen from the introduction and content that this poem was written by the author David at the highlight of his life. At this time, he finally escaped from Saul and all his enemies after hardship, and he had not yet committed a great mistake to kill and take his wife, which can be regarded as the smoothest peak stage. In this song of victory, David tells the story of what the Lord means to him (vv.1~3), repeats God's deliverance (vv.4~19), discusses the basis of that salvation (vv.20~30), repeats that victory (vv.31~48), and re-anchors his determination to continue praising God (vv.49,50). This psalm is the fourth longest psalm.

He praises God's glorious deeds and the frequent blessings He has, almost a copy of 2 Samuel 22. Beginning with the Psalm, David repeatedly emphasizes that Yahweh is the single most important and precious of David. No matter what trouble he faced in his life, God became all of David's help and power. In the face of all kinds of difficulties in life, we often feel small and powerless. When it comes to parenting, relationships, or careers, we often feel frustrated and overwhelmed. Verse 2 can be used to declare: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my Savior, my God, my rock, and my refuge." He is my shield, my horn of salvation, and my high tower.

On the path of faith, we often feel that the God of others is greater than ours, that God hears their prayers, and often speaks to them and performs miracles and healings. Before we know it, it seems that other people's gods are big and my God is small, and David combines other people's experiences with his own, so that people can see that God is so good to people, and we need to believe that God will be good to us as well. Therefore, God will save, not only to save David, but also to save us.

Verses 6~19 are a spectacular scene of salvation, in which God fights for himself, and the purpose of this great battle is for a small, unworthy man! Although the psalmist uses the language of poetry to look back on the redemption he experienced in his life, the God who created all things in the universe Himself was crucified for us, and God's grace is so great.

vs 10 The cherubim are heavenly creatures who may be a noble class of angels. One of their jobs was to be a guardian guarding the entrance to the Tree of Life and the Holy of Holies, and their images became part of the Ark of the Covenant, and they were described as angels holding the throne of God.

20-24. After David described his salvation by Jehovah, he explained it in the light of his faith in Jehovah. David remained upright before God by faith. This deliverance was God's reward for the cleanliness of David's hands. David declared that he had never departed from God, kept his judgments and statutes, and kept himself from iniquity. God gave His obedient servants amazing victories as an honor to Him.

"The LORD gave David great salvation, and mercy unto David and to his seed for ever." All of David's previous afflictions made him not only a leader of the nations, but also his descendants, through whom God's blessings would come to his descendants. David experienced great spiritual battles in his life: how to face your persecutors, how to face the oppression of those in authority, how to face the hunting of his sons, and how to prepare for the building of the temple..... All of this was about David's position at the time as much as his children and grandchildren.

In this article, we see that David can't help but thank and praise God as he looks back on the difficult days of the past and experienced God's powerful deliverance. In particular, David used many different names to describe God's infinite love, marvelous grace, great power, and terrible glory based on his own experience and understanding. He added "my..." each time. These names show how close he was to God. In addition, David saw God's principle of dealing with people from his experience: it was not that David was completely sinless, but that he found favor with God and kept him from sin. If we receive God's love, we will enjoy God's love, and we may become loving people. "We love God as much as we know Him. We are changeable to the Lord, but the Lord's love for us will never change", David loved God because he personally felt God's faithful love, so he expressed his true feelings and directly confessed to God, "I love You, and we often say to God, "I love You".

We pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father, we should look farther and bigger to see God, Your eternal Mind in us. It turns out that You love us not only today, but also our families, cities, and nations, and even our future generations, and our hearts are filled with gratitude. Pray that in the face of bad circumstances, we will remain steadfast in trusting You, magnifying You, and willingly being nurtured by You as a vessel for Your usefulness. Lord, my God, we bless your name. You are our rock and our reliance, you have led us in your way with your mighty hand, and you have saved us from danger. There are mountains and valleys in our lives, and our moods have ups and downs, but Lord, you never change, and when we pray, you will hear. May God bless us,

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Psalm 18

King James Version

18 I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

28 For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

31 For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?

32 It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the Lord, but he answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

46 The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

Psalm 18 is a song of praise attributed to King David, celebrating God's deliverance and the victory he achieved through divine intervention. The psalm appears in both the Book of Psalms (chapter 18) and 2 Samuel 22, emphasizing its importance. This poetic scripture is rich with vivid imagery and spiritual themes highlighting God's power, faithfulness, and role as a deliverer.

#### Overview of Psalm 18

Psalm 18 consists of 50 verses, and it is one of the longer psalms. It can be divided into several key sections:

#### Opening Praise (Verses 1-3):

David begins with an expression of deep love for God and acknowledges Him as his source of strength and safety. He calls God "my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer."

#### Recollection of Past Distress (Verses 4-6):

David recalls a time of great peril, describing being surrounded by "the cords of death" and facing overwhelming danger. He emphasizes how he called out to God in his distress, and God heard him from His heavenly temple.

#### God's Powerful Intervention (Verses 7-19):

This section contains a dramatic depiction of God's response, portrayed through natural phenomena such as earthquakes, thunder, and lightning. These images emphasize God's might and His willingness to come to David's rescue.

Divine Reward and Righteousness (Verses 20-29):

David reflects on how God dealt with him according to his righteousness and faithfulness. He acknowledges that God's support is extended to those who live uprightly.

Strength and Victory (Verses 30-45):

These verses highlight God as a perfect protector and the source of all strength. David details how God equipped him for battle, making his way perfect and enabling him to defeat his enemies.

Concluding Praise and Thanksgiving (Verses 46-50):

The psalm concludes with a triumphant acknowledgment of God's greatness and a promise to praise Him among the nations. David expresses gratitude for the victories granted to him and extends this acknowledgment to future generations, recognizing God's covenantal loyalty to His chosen king and descendants.

Important Verses and Their Significance

Verses 1-2: "I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

Significance: This is a declaration of David's unwavering trust in God. It portrays the different ways God provides safety and stability, serving as a reminder for believers to find refuge in Him.

Verse 6: "In my distress, I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears."

Significance: This verse emphasizes that God listens and responds when His people call out in times of trouble. It reassures believers of God's attentive presence.

Verses 16-17: "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me."



Significance: This illustrates God's direct intervention in moments of desperation. It is symbolic of salvation and divine assistance, showing that God rescues those who trust in Him even from overwhelming circumstances.

Verse 28: "You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light."

Significance: This verse highlights God as a source of hope and guidance, capable of transforming despair into clarity and joy.

Verse 30: "As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him."

Significance: It underscores the perfection of God's ways and His reliability. It assures believers that God's promises are trustworthy and that He is a secure refuge.

Verses 46-49: "The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! ... Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name."

Significance: This is a declaration of victory and exaltation, showing that David recognizes God's hand in all his triumphs. It encourages public acknowledgment of God's blessings.

### Theological Themes and Spiritual Impacts

Psalm 18 emphasizes several key theological themes:

**God as a Deliverer:** The psalm portrays God as powerful and active in the deliverance of those who trust Him.

**Righteousness and Divine Favor:** David connects his deliverance to his faithfulness and righteousness, which suggests that living according to God's ways aligns believers with His favor.

**Strength and Empowerment:** God not only provides rescue but also equips His followers with the strength they need to overcome challenges.

**God's Universal Praise:** David's commitment to praising God among the nations points to the idea that worship and gratitude to God should be a public declaration.

### Spiritual Influence

For believers, Psalm 18 serves as a powerful reminder of God's sovereignty and unfailing support. It encourages trust in God during times of distress and reinforces the importance of

living righteously. The vivid imagery and powerful language inspire confidence in God's ability to transform adversity into victory, fostering a spirit of praise and gratitude.