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**A Prayer For Protection Part 2**

A servant of God must stand so very much alone that he never realizes he is alone. In the early stages of the Christian life, disappointments will come— people who used to be lights will flicker out, and those who used to stand with us will turn away. We have to get so used to it that we will not even realize we are standing alone. Paul said, “. . .no one stood with me, but all forsook me. . . .But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me. . . .” (2 Timothy 4:16-17). We must build our faith not on fading lights but on the Light that never fails. When “important” individuals go away we are sad, until we see that they are meant to go, so that only one thing is left for us to do— to look into the face of God for ourselves.

Allow nothing to keep you from looking with strong determination into the face of God regarding yourself and your doctrine. And every time you share God make sure you look God in the face (i.e. the scriptures) about the message first, then the glory will remain through all of it. A Christian servant is one who perpetually looks into the face (i.e. scripture) of God and then goes forth to talk to others. The ministry of Christ is characterized by an abiding glory of which the servant is totally unaware— “. . .Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him” (Exodus 34:29).<sup>1</sup>

1. The secret of the servant’s life is that he stays in tune with \_\_\_\_\_ all the time?

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 Psalm 17: 8-15

**Lesson Aim:** To build unshakable faith in the Lord and to be determined in their hearts to obey and serve God and to seek Him in your times of need.<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 17:8-10 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, <sup>9</sup> From the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about. <sup>10</sup> They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

**Psalm 17:8-10 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings <sup>9</sup> from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.<sup>10</sup> They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance.

**A Prayer for Protection Part 2**

**A. Shield Me**

**(Verse 8)** This word shield means protection or defense. In this verse we see the word “keep me”. In the Hebrew it means to guard, protect or to hedge in with thorns on the outside, giving the idea that no one will be able to touch you. David suddenly shifted from a bold declaration of God’s wondrous love to a beautiful depiction of His nurturing love. He used two familiar and endearing images to request God’s loving care. First, he asked God to “keep [him] as the apple of his eye,” that is, to protect him the way a person protects his eyes (Deut. 32:10). The word “apple” is literally translated “the little man of the eye”. It refers to the reflection a person sees when staring directly into the eyes of another person. Hence, it refers to the pupil, or the middle, of the eye. The pupil is the most tender and sensitive part of the exposed body and is carefully protected because of its great value. David sought from God that same protective covering such as the pupil is given. The second image is that of a bird sheltering her young under her wings, a common picture throughout the Old Testament (Ruth 2:12). Jesus also used the imagery in proclaiming His great love for Jerusalem and His attempts to save her (Matt. 23:37).<sup>1</sup>

**(Verse 9)** In God's care, David is safe "from the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me". He does not pray to be excused from the battle, but to be kept in the battle. Likewise, Jesus says to the Father, "I do not pray that You should take them [the disciples] out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one"(John 17:15).<sup>2</sup>

**(Verse 10)** The urgency of his petition was heightened by his awareness of the unbridled savagery of his enemies. Like wild beasts they surrounded him, stalking him, glaring at him, biding the time when they could tear him to pieces. This verse David says, "They are enclosed in their own fat,"(nxt pg)<sup>3</sup>



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**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 17: 8-15

**Lions:** The most powerful of all carnivorous animals. Although not now found in Palestine, they must have been in ancient times very numerous there. They had their lairs in the forests (Jer. 5:6; Jer. 12:8; Amos 3:4), in the caves of the mountains (Nah. 2:12), and in the canebrakes on the banks of the Jordan (Jer. 49:19).<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 17:11-12 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.<sup>11</sup> They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth; <sup>12</sup> Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

**Psalm 17:11-12 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance. <sup>11</sup> They have tracked me down, they now surround me, with eyes alert, to throw me to the ground. <sup>12</sup> They are like a lion hungry for prey, like a great lion crouching in cover.

**A Prayer for Protection Part 2**

**A. Shield Me**

*(Verse 10)* (They are "wrapped up in themselves.") They close up their callous hearts. The meaning is that they have become arrogant. They are entirely without any restraint by thoughts of accountability to God (Deut. 32:15).<sup>1</sup>

*(Verse 11)* This verse says, "They have now compassed us in our steps". The sense is, they could not stir a step but they were at their heels, surrounding them on every side. This was true of David, when he was pursued by Saul, and followed by him to Keilah and the wilderness of Maon (1 Sam. 23:8). Then the psalmist says, "Bowing down to the earth". That is, as the translators evidently understood this, having their eyes bowed down to the ground, or looking steadily to the ground. This phrase "bowing down" takes on the idea of a hunter taking aim at an animal upon the ground. This denotes the malicious jealousy with which the enemy watches the steps of the righteous; as if they studied the ground on which they trod, and searched after some wrong footmark to accuse them for the past, or some stumbling-stone to cast in their future path to trip them in days to come.<sup>2</sup>

*(Verse 12)* Lions are not more greedy, nor their ways more cunning than are Satan and his helpers when engaged against the children of God. The blood of souls the adversary thirsts after, and all his strength and craft are exercised to the utmost to satisfy his detestable appetite. We are weak and foolish like sheep; but we have a shepherd wise and strong, who knows the old lion's wiles, and is more than a match for his force: therefore will we not fear but rest in safety in the fold. Let us beware, however, of our lurking foe; and in those parts of the road where we feel most secure, let us look about us lest, peradventure, our foe should leap upon us.<sup>3</sup>





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**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 17: 8-15

**Sword:** One of the earliest objects made of iron was the sword. Swords were designed for either stabbing or striking. The stabbing sword developed as a long straight blade, tapered toward the point for piercing the body. Its tapered edges were sharpened so that it could also serve as a cutting instrument. The striking sword, on the other hand, had only one sharp edge, with the thickest part of the blade not along the center but along its blunt edge. Such a sword was often curved, sometimes to a degree that gave it the appearance of a sickle.<sup>3</sup>

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**Psalm 17:13-14 (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is thy sword*:

<sup>14</sup> From men *which are thy hand*, O LORD, from men of the world, *which have their portion in this life*, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

**Psalm 17:13-14 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> Rise up, O LORD, confront them, bring them down; rescue me from the wicked by your sword. <sup>14</sup> O LORD, by your hand save me from such men, from men of this world whose reward is in this life. You still the hunger of those you cherish; their sons have plenty, and they store up wealth for their children.

**A Prayer for Protection Part 2**

**B. Save Me**

*(Verse 13)* “Arise, O Lord.” The more furious the attack, the more fervent the Psalmist's prayer. His eye rests singly upon the Almighty, and he feels that God has but to rise from the seat of his patience and the work will be performed at once. Let the lion spring upon us, if Jehovah steps between we need no better defense. When God meets our foe face to face in battle, the conflict will soon be over. “Disappoint him.” Be beforehand with him, outwit and outrun him. Appoint it otherwise than he has appointed and so disappoint him. “Cast him down.” Prostrate him. Make him sink upon his knees. Make him bow as the conquered bows before the conqueror. What a glorious sight will it be to behold Satan prostrate beneath the foot of our glorious Lord! Haste, glorious day! “Deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword.” He recognizes the most profane and oppressive as being under the providential rule of the King of kings, and used as a sword in the divine hand. What can a sword do unless it be wielded by a hand? No more could the wicked annoy us, unless the Lord permitted them so to do.<sup>1</sup>

*(Verse 14)* The text says, “from men *which are thy hand*”. The men of this world have no hope beyond this life. Everything they have—their *portion*—is received now. No future inheritance awaits them. God, who blesses the just as well as the unjust (Matt. 5:45), blesses them out of His merciful goodness. He provides for their needs (fills their bellies) and gives them children.<sup>2</sup>



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**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 17: 8-15

**Questions:**

1. What kind of protection do you need from God in your life today?
2. Where does your satisfaction come from?
3. What do you do when your life is threatened by your enemies?

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**Psalm 17:15 (KJV)**

<sup>15</sup> As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

**Psalm 17:15 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> And I--in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

**A Prayer for Protection Part 2**

**B. Save Me**

*(Verse 14)* But notice this inevitable fact: everything they have is left behind for others. It remains in this world, and they have nothing awaiting them in the next world. The worldly have invested in nothing that has eternal value, and will therefore be bankrupt throughout eternity. When this life is over, they will be confronted by God in judgment.<sup>1</sup>

**C. Satisfy Me**

*(Verse 15)* God also promises eternal, spiritual blessings for those who trust him. One day, David knew, he would see God's face. Anticipating a greater reward that was based upon an imputed, divine righteousness, David looked ahead to the vision of God in heaven (Rev. 22:4). Beyond the grave he would be satisfied with seeing the Lord and, in that day, being glorified, or made fully in his likeness (1 John 3:2).<sup>2</sup>

**Summary:** No part of the body is more precious, more tender and more carefully guarded than the eye. David asks God's protection in that way. He wanted God to guard, protect, keep safe, and shield him from danger that may come upon him. David acknowledges that God is a loving shield for those who are His own. David faced real threats from his enemies, however, in midst of these threats, he did the right thing, he prayed. He prayed for deliverance in the now, but also was confident that if he were not delivered from his enemies now, he could rejoice in the future, when one day he would see the face of God. The destiny of God's people is to see God face to face and to be conformed into His image, as perfectly displayed in Jesus Christ, His Son, which is true satisfaction.<sup>3</sup>



**Lesson II**

**Date** August 13, 2017

**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 18: 1-6

**Lesson Outline**

**A.** The Praise for the Deliverance

(vs. 1-3)

**B.** The Peril for the Deliverance

(vs. 4-5)

**C.** The Prayer in the Deliverance

(vs. 6)

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**Praise For God's Deliverance**

But the remarkable thing is that nothing can come between the love of God and a saint. The things Paul mentioned in this passage can and do disrupt the close fellowship of our soul with God and separate our natural life from Him. But none of them is able to come between the love of God and the soul of a saint on the spiritual level. The underlying foundation of the Christian faith is the undeserved, limitless miracle of the love of God that was exhibited on the Cross of Calvary; a love that is not earned and can never be. Paul said this is the reason that “in all these things we are more than conquerors.” We are super-victors with a joy that comes from experiencing the very things which look as if they are going to overwhelm us.

Huge waves that would frighten an ordinary swimmer produce a tremendous thrill for the surfer who has ridden them. Let's apply that to our own circumstances. The things we try to avoid and fight against— tribulation, suffering, and persecution— are the very things that produce abundant joy in us. “We are more than conquerors through Him” “in all these things”; not in spite of them, but in the midst of them. A saint doesn't know the joy of the Lord in spite of tribulation, but because of it. Paul said, “I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation” (2 Corinthians 7:4).

The undiminished radiance, which is the result of abundant joy, is not built on anything passing, but on the love of God that nothing can change. And the experiences of life, whether they are everyday events or terrifying ones, are powerless to “separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39).<sup>1</sup>

1. When was the last time you knew that it was only God's deliverance? Explain

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**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 18:1- 6

**Lesson Aim:** Like David, students will realize the absolute way to be delivered from surrounding wickedness is to call upon God for help and strength, offering praise and appreciation for deliverance and victory.<sup>3</sup>

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**Psalm 18:1-2 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> 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.

**Psalm 18:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**Praise For God's Deliverance**

**A. The Praise for the Deliverance**

*(Verse 1)* Up to this point in the book of Psalms, most of David's songs were written while he was facing an enemy. They are faith-filled pleas for deliverance and victory. In Psalm 18, David speaks from a different perspective: he is looking back at how God delivered him so amazingly and gave him victory after victory over his enemies. Psalm 18 is a praise-filled song of celebration, a testimony of God's mighty power and faithfulness. The mixture of verb tenses reveals that the victories given by God made David bolder and more confident to stand against future enemies. His profession of love is "impulsive and emotional". It is the natural, unrestrained response for what God had done for him. The word he used is not a common Old Testament word for *love*. It is a tender, intensely personal word, one used of a mother's compassionate care for her children (Isa. 49:15) or a father's sympathy toward his children (Ps. 103:13). This is the kind of love; the Lord had showered upon David. God had looked upon His helpless servant with a protective, parental love and had mercifully rescued him from his enemies. David's response was natural, spontaneous, like that of a little child who runs into its mother's arms and squeezes as tight as he or she can.<sup>1</sup>

David's exuberant spirit is further seen in his description of all that the Lord represented to him. He could not find enough words to convey the fullness of his heart. He used a total of nine terms to describe the great protection God had faithfully provided him. These same terms are used throughout the psalms to express God's defense or shielding of His people. But David applied them all here in an attempt to adequately communicate the magnitude of God's powerful deliverance. The first term is in this verse: the Lord had been David's strength in all of his battles. He had not fought in his own power but with an infusion of supernatural energy from God Himself. He had endured, persisted, and prevailed because of the Lord.<sup>2</sup>



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**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 18:1- 6

**The Shield-** The ancient soldier’s chief defense, his shield, was various in form and material. The shield of the Egyptian was about one-half his height and generally about twice as high as broad. It was probably formed of a wooden frame covered with rawhide, having the hair outward, with one or more rims of metal and metal studs.<sup>2</sup>

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**Psalm 18:2-3 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

**Psalm 18:2-3 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. <sup>3</sup> I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

**Praise For God’s Deliverance**

**A. The Praise for the Deliverance**

*(Verse 2)* David had survived every fierce battle he had faced. In fact, the Bible does not record even one time that he was wounded, at least, not seriously enough to mention. Amazing, considering his being recognized as a man of war! David used such commanding words to describe God’s power, protection, and preservation of his life. The text says, “The Lord is my rock and my fortress.” Dwelling among the crags and mountain fastnesses of Judea, David had escaped the malice of Saul, and here he compares his God to such a place of concealment and security. Believers are often hidden in their God from the strife of tongues and the fury of the storm of trouble. “My deliverer,” interposing in my hour of peril. When almost captured the Lord’s people are rescued from the hand of the mighty by him who is mightier still. This title of “deliverer” a savior in the evil day; “My God;” this is all good things in one. There is a boundless wealth in this expression; it means, my perpetual, unchanging, infinite, eternal and good. He who can say truly “my God,” may well add, “my heaven, my all.” “My strength;” this word is really “my rock,” in the sense of strength and immobility. My sure, unchanging, eternal confidence and support. This word “buckler or shield” is the small round shield that fended off the arrows and strikes of the enemy; God had taken every blow intended for David. The phrase “horn of salvation”, animal horns were symbols of power, strength, and dominion. God was the source of, or power behind, his salvation. This is also a prophetic reference to Christ (Lu. 1:69). This word “high tower or stronghold” means a place of shelter that, due to its height, was inaccessible to all enemies.<sup>1</sup>





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 Psalm 18:1- 6

**Snare:** The snare (Heb. *pah*) was formed of two parts that, when set, were spread out upon the ground and slightly fastened with a trapstick, so that as soon as a bird or beast touched the stick the parts flew up and enclosed the bird in the net or caught the foot of the animal (Job 18:9).<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 18:3-4 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup> I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. . <sup>5</sup>The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

**Psalm 18:3-4 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. <sup>4</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. <sup>5</sup> The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.

**Praise For God's Deliverance**

**A. The Praise for the Deliverance**

(*Verse 3*) David then calls out to God. God delivered David from every threatening situation he faced. He never failed. Repeatedly, time after time, the Lord had proven Himself trustworthy and able.<sup>1</sup>

**B. The Peril for the Deliverance**

(*Verse 4*) This verse David says, "The sorrows of death... sorrows of hell". The psalmist was not in happy land when experiencing the troubles that required Divine deliverance. We especially think of the times David was being chased by Saul before Saul was killed by the Philistines in battle and before David was king of Israel. Sorrow and suffering often comes to the godly in this life, but their eternal life will be just the opposite. He then says, "Compassed me.". The troubles of David seemed to completely surround him. When troubles come they often come in plural form and seem to surround us on every side. He then says, "Flood of ungodly men". A flood speaks of plenitude, of many, of excess. The psalmist felt he was being submerged, and overwhelmed by the multitude of his trials. If the ungodly triumph, shame will be brought upon God and righteousness. David is concerned about God's honor, not just his own. Satan would use trial to shame and dishonor God. Then he says, "made me afraid". The greatest saints often experience fear. David had slain Goliath, yet he was put in fear many times by Saul's murderous tactics. However, God can deliver from fear as well as from force.<sup>2</sup>

(*Verse 5*) This verse says, "The snares [traps] of death". The troubles of the psalmist were such that they were like traps. Saul tried to trap David in the wilderness, he tried to trap David in his bed in his house. The continued efforts to trap David produced (nxt pg)<sup>3</sup>



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Psalm 18:1- 6

**Summary Cont'd:** as we must. God defends us, therefore Christians must keep going; we must keep trusting in God; we must keep serving Him; we must keep loving Him because He is their strength, our deliverer, and our great protector.<sup>3</sup>

**Questions:**

1. Do you find your chief complaint to the Lord is that your love is weak and faint?
2. When sin snares you and its noose tightens around your neck to whom will you cry?

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**Psalm 18:6 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> 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.

**Psalm 18:6 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> 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.

**Praise For God's Deliverance**

**B. The Peril for the Deliverance**

*(Verse 5)* the confession of the peril of snares/traps. David felt like he was walking in a mine field. He had to be constantly alert to the snares. Traps are surprises. David was to be surprised by Saul's strategy and then trapped in the wilderness. But the real surprise came to Saul who thought he had David's group outnumbered and outmaneuvered but still could not catch David.<sup>1</sup>

**C. The Prayer in the Deliverance**

*(Verse 6)* In praying for deliverance, David actually prays for God's power to be manifested on his behalf. He says "In my distress I called upon the LORD". It was during the time of trouble that David sought Divine power for deliverance. When trouble comes, we reveal our faith or lack of faith in God.<sup>2</sup>

**Summary:** Like David, every believer experience a constant internal battle that at times we find ourselves losing. The only way we can continue to move forward is through the power of deliverance that God freely make available to each one of us. In our battles, we are often tempted to retaliate, or to have the last word always, or to become bitter and self-pitying, or to become resentful and unforgiving, to exaggerate our troubles, to be short-tempered, to fantasize, to indulge in the lusts of the mind and of the flesh, and so on. We gain strength from God through his deliverance, to keep going, to forgive, to turn the other cheek, to be tender, to give a gentle answer, to flee from sin and to mortify it, to be wise and gentle and full of mercy and compassion. All of which comes from God's deliverance, protection, and the power He gives day after day to live in His strength. Strength to overcome sin in the kitchen, strength in the office, strength in the staff room, strength in the bedroom, strength in the church, strength in business meetings, strength when driving a car, strength in health and strength in sickness, strength in riches and strength in poverty. Always and everywhere God proves to be our energy to live as we should;



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**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 18: 7-16

**Lesson Outline**

**A.** The Shift of His Power  
(vs. 7-9)

**B.** The Storm of His Power  
(vs. 10-13)

**C.** The Scheme of His Power  
(vs. 14-16)

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**God's Power of Deliverance Part 1**

Our natural inclination is to be so precise— trying always to forecast accurately what will happen next— that we look upon uncertainty as a bad thing. We think that we must reach some predetermined goal, but that is not the nature of the spiritual life. The nature of the spiritual life is that we are certain in our uncertainty. Consequently, we do not put down roots. Our common sense says, “Well, what if I were in that circumstance?” We cannot presume to see ourselves in any circumstance in which we have never been.

Certainty is the mark of the commonsense life— gracious uncertainty is the mark of the spiritual life. To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, not knowing what tomorrow may bring. This is generally expressed with a sigh of sadness, but it should be an expression of breathless expectation. We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. As soon as we abandon ourselves to God and do the task He has placed closest to us, He begins to fill our lives with surprises. When we become simply a promoter or a defender of a particular belief, something within us dies. That is not believing God— it is only believing our belief about Him. Jesus said, “...unless you...become as little children...” (Matthew 18:3). The spiritual life is the life of a child. We are not uncertain of God, just uncertain of what He is going to do next. If our certainty is only in our beliefs, we develop a sense of self-righteousness, become overly critical, and are limited by the view that our beliefs are complete and settled. But when we have the right relationship with God, life is full of spontaneous, joyful uncertainty and expectancy. Jesus said, “...believe also in Me” (John 14:1), not, “Believe certain things about Me”. Leave everything to Him and it will be gloriously and graciously uncertain how He will come in— but you can be certain that He will come. Remain faithful to Him.<sup>1</sup>

1. When you trust God has he ever made a public display?

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**Psalm 18:7-9 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. <sup>8</sup> There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. <sup>9</sup> He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.

**Psalm 18:7-8 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry. <sup>8</sup> Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it. <sup>9</sup> He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet.

**God's Power of Deliverance Part 1**

**A. The Shift of His Power**

*(Verse 7)* In this and the following verses David describes God's power, by the sublimest expressions and grandest terms, the majesty of God, and the awful manner in which he came to his assistance. **(2 Samuel 22)** The majesty of God, and the manner in which he is represented as coming to the aid of David's prayers, surrounded with all the powers of nature as his attendants and ministers, and arming (as it were) heaven and earth to fight his battles, and execute his vengeance. He described in the loftiest and most striking terms (*Adam Clarke's Commentary*). No wonder that when God thus arose, all his enemies should be scattered, and those who hated him should flee before him.<sup>1</sup>

*(Verse 8)* God's coming described in figures drawn from His appearance on Sinai, His anger is describe as fire (compare De 32:22). **Smoke out ... his nostrils**—bitter in His wrath **by it**—that is, the fire (Ex 19:18). God's rage was like a volcanic eruption, a consuming fire. God blasted smoke out of His nostrils and breathed fire out of His mouth that consumed the earth. The rocks of the ground glowed like burning coals.<sup>2</sup>

*(Verse 9)* "He. . .came down" YHWH lives in heaven. His presence dwells between the *cherubim* on the ark of the covenant, but from time to time the Bible speaks of His coming to humans in special ways (i.e., theophanies,). Exodus 3:7-8 is a specific example of YHWH responding to His people's need and acting on their behalf. In this context the imagery is described as a violent thunderstorm. God's reaction to the prayer was one that compares to a great storm. God was upset and would exercise His great power to deliver David.<sup>3</sup>



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**Hail:** Frozen rain-drops; one of the plagues of Egypt (Ex. 9:23). It is mentioned by Haggai as a divine judgment (Hag 2:17). A hail-storm destroyed the army of the Amorites when they fought against Joshua (Josh. 10:11). Ezekiel represents the wall daubed with untempered mortar as destroyed by great hail-stones (Ezek. 13:11).<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 18:10-12 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. <sup>11</sup> He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies. <sup>12</sup> At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.

**Psalm 18:10-12 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind. <sup>11</sup> He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him-- the dark rain clouds of the sky. <sup>12</sup> Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning.

**God's Power of Deliverance Part 1**

**B. The Storm of His Power**

*(Verse 10)* In these verses we see God coming to David's aid and His coming is described in the most vigorous and awesome manner; verse 10 in the *NIV* says He mounted the "cherubim," this imagery of the creature must be pretty big, this angel were was probably identical to the one that was placed on top of the ark of the covenant—the space between their wings symbolized where Yahweh sat, upon their wings (Exod 25:18–20; Cherubim also guarded the tree of life. This also forth shadow Christ setting on an ass as enter Jerusalem the King, Deliverer and Savior.<sup>1</sup>

*(Verse 11)* The storm thickened, and the clouds pouring forth torrents of rain combined to form the secret chamber of the invisible but wonder-working God. "Pavilioned in impervious shade" faith saw him, but no other eye could gaze through the "*thick clouds of the skies.*" Blessed is the darkness which encurtains my God; if I may not see him, it is sweet to know that he is working in secret for my eternal good. See God did not announce to Saul that He would intervene for David; He simply did it. Saul was left in the dark. God does not reveal His actions to the ungodly; they simply experience them suddenly (Deut. 4:11).<sup>2</sup>

*(Verse 12)* Suddenly the terrible artillery of heaven was discharged; the brightness of lightning lit up the clouds as with a glory proceeding from him who was concealed within the cloudy pavilion; and volleys of hailstones and coals of fire were hurled forth upon the enemy. The lightnings seemed to cleave the clouds and kindle them into a blaze, and then hailstones and flakes of fire with flashes of terrific grandeur terrified the sons of men.<sup>3</sup>



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“Coals of fire” (2 Sam. 22:13) is by some thought to be a figure for lightning proceeding from God. The flame of red-hot coals pours out of Him as out of a glowing furnace. This description is based entirely upon Ex. 19:18) where the Lord comes down upon Sinai in smoke and fire.<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 18:13-15 (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.

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

<sup>15</sup> 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.

**Psalm 18:10-13-15 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded. <sup>14</sup> He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning he routed them. <sup>15</sup> The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, LORD, at the blast of breath from your nostrils.

**God’s Power of Deliverance Part 1**

**B. The Storm of His Power**

(*Verse 13*) The light, however, is only for an instant—and then a darkness, that may be felt, shuts up the whole from every vision but *His*, to whom the darkness and the light are both alike. Meanwhile the roar of the thunder, the voice of the Most High in the clouds, is incessant; the lightnings flashing from cloud to cloud, from the clouds to the earth, and from the earth back again to the clouds (Ex. 9:23).<sup>1</sup>

**C. The Scheme of His Power**

(*Verse 14*) Yea, he sent out his arrows - The word arrows here refers to the lightnings mentioned in the other clause of the verse. Those lightnings scattered around, and accomplishing such destruction, seemed to be arrows sent forth from the hand of God. “And scattered them” - though the enemies of the psalmist are not here particularly specified. They seem, however, to have been in his eye throughout the psalm, for it was the victory achieved over them by the divine interposition that he was celebrating throughout the poem. “And discomfited them” - literally, to impel, to drive; then, to put in commotion or consternation. The allusion is to an army whose order is disturbed, or which is thrown into confusion, and which is, therefore, easily conquered.<sup>2</sup>

(*Verse 15*) ) **the channels of the sea:** This culminates the picture of God’s turning the universe upside down. Even the most hidden passages of the sea are exposed, as are the elements that hold the earth together. The Lord God does all this to rescue His servant David.<sup>3</sup>



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**Questions:**

1. Do you have troubles, like “deep waters,” that threaten to drown you?
  
2. Do you rely on God to be your deliverer, shield, and salvation, which denotes the defense and aid that God gives to us?

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**Psalm 18:16 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup> He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

**Psalm 18:16 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.

**God’s Power of Deliverance Part 1**

**C. The Scheme of His Power**

*(Verse 16)* All of the Lord’s fearsome power is used to save the one who worships Him. The passage vividly illustrates why the believer has no reason to fear (see Heb. 13:6). The *waters* were regarded as dark gods in Canaan. But according to David, God is Lord of all, and the waters are His creatures. He delivers His servant David from any power that might hold him. Why David might ask, would God tear apart all of creation to act on his behalf? Because God takes pleasure in those who serve Him. Note here if you please, *[he took me, he drew me out of many waters]* There’s a New Testament reflection here, Peter when he walk on water and look down and feared for his life for he was sinking and about to drown and called out to Jesus and said Lord save, me. (Matthew 14:29-31) Will the LORD not save you if you call out in your distress?<sup>1</sup>

**Summary:** In our lesson, David describes the magnificent deliverance of the Lord. He describes the mountains shaking, smoke rising, and God parting the heavens and coming down. What a beautiful scene that we wish we could visibly see when we are in our distress! David points out that this is the victory God is bringing to aid us in our distress, though it is not visibly seen. We must maintain our faith that God is moving in 2017 to help us in our times of need. God still reaches down, take hold of us, pulling us out of turbulent situations, and set us in a wide open place. Whenever you feel like you are drowning in a sea of sorrows, know that God’s power of deliverance is still at hand. Whenever you feel that your enemies are too strong for you to overcome, know that God’s power of deliverance is still at hand. Whenever you feel that you are inundated in a world of problems, know that God’s power of deliverance is still at hand. Believers must continue to submit to the Lord, for he has promised to be our support and deliverer. We have reasons to look for God’s deliverance when we have been obedient in keeping His ways and His Word.<sup>2</sup>



**Lesson IV**

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Psalm 18: 17-28

**Lesson Outline**

**A. The Charm of His Power**  
(vs. 17-18)

**B. The Compensation of His Power**  
(vs. 19-24)

**C. The Compassion of His Power**  
(vs. 25-28)

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**God's Power of Deliverance Part 2**

Are you seeking great things for yourself, instead of seeking to be a great person? God wants you to be in a much closer relationship with Himself than simply receiving His gifts— He wants you to get to know Him. Even some large thing we want is only incidental; it comes and it goes. But God never gives us anything incidental. There is nothing easier than getting into the right relationship with God, unless it is not God you seek, but only what He can give you.

If you have only come as far as asking God for things, you have never come to the point of understanding the least bit of what surrender really means. You have become a Christian based on your own terms. You protest, saying, “I asked God for the Holy Spirit, but He didn’t give me the rest and the peace I expected.” And instantly God puts His finger on the reason— you are not seeking the Lord at all; you are seeking something for yourself. Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you...” (Matthew 7:7). Ask God for what you want and do not be concerned about asking for the wrong thing, because as you draw ever closer to Him, you will cease asking for things altogether. “Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him” (Matthew 6:8). Then why should you ask? So that you may get to know Him.

Are you seeking great things for yourself? Have you said, “Oh, Lord, completely fill me with your Holy Spirit”? If God does not, it is because you are not totally surrendered to Him; there is something you still refuse to do. Are you prepared to ask yourself what it is you want from God and why you want it? God always ignores your present level of completeness in favor of your ultimate future completeness. He is not concerned about making you blessed and happy right now, but He’s continually working out His ultimate perfection for you— “...that they may be one just as We are one...” (John 17:22).<sup>1</sup>

1. Explain why believers struggle with growing in Christ?

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**Psalm 18:17-19 (KJV)**

<sup>17</sup> He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. <sup>18</sup> They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. <sup>19</sup> He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

**Psalm 18:17-19 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. <sup>18</sup>They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. <sup>19</sup> He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

**God's Power of Deliverance Part 2**

**A. The Charm of His Power**

*(Verse 17)* When we have been rescued, we must take care to ascribe all the glory to God by confessing our own weakness, and remembering the power of the conquered enemy. God's power derives honour from all the incidents of the conflict. Our great spiritual adversary is a "*strong enemy*" indeed, much too strong for poor, weak creatures like ourselves, but we have been delivered hitherto and shall be even to the end. Our weakness is a reason for divine help; mark the force of the *for* in the text.<sup>1</sup>

*(Verse 18)* They took advantage of the time in which I was least able to make head against them, and they came on me suddenly, unawares, when I was unprovided and helpless, and must have destroyed me had not God upheld and supported me when I was in danger of perishing. God was to the psalmist *עֲזָרָתִי*, *for a staff* to support him. What the staff is to one that is ready to fall, the means of recovering and preserving him; that was God to David in the time of his extremity. For he several times preserved him from Saul, when he, David, thought his destruction by him almost unavoidable.<sup>2</sup>

**B. The Compensation of His Power**

*(Verse 19)* The text says, "He brought me forth also into a large place", Instead of being hemmed in by enemies, and straitened in my troubles, so that I seemed to have no room to move, he brought me into a place where I had ample room, and where I could act freely. Then he says, "he delivered me, because he delighted in me;" God delivered David from all his enemies, because he was a man after his own heart, in whom he delighted; not for any merit and worthiness in him, but of his good will and pleasure: he delivered Christ because he was his.<sup>3</sup>



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**Decrees of God:** The decrees of God are (1.) efficacious, as they respect those events he has determined to bring about by his own immediate agency; or (2.) permissive, as they respect those events he has determined that free agents shall be permitted by him to effect. This doctrine ought to produce in our minds "humility, in view of the infinite greatness and sovereignty of God."<sup>5</sup>

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**Psalm 18:20-22 (KJV)**

<sup>20</sup> The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of me. my hands hath he recompensed <sup>21</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. <sup>22</sup> For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

**Psalm 18:20-22 (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup> The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. <sup>21</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I am not guilty of turning from my God. <sup>22</sup> All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees.

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**B. The Compensation of His Power**

*(Verse 19)* the Holy Spirit delighted in them, and therefore regenerates, renews, and sanctifies them, and seals them up unto the day of redemption (Job 36:16).<sup>1</sup>

*(Verse 20)* Free grace lies at the foundation. Rest assured, if we go deep enough, sovereign grace is the truth which lies at the bottom of every well of mercy. Deep sea fisheries in the ocean of divine bounty always bring the pearls of electing, discriminating love to light. Why Jehovah should delight in us is a question without an answer, and a mystery, which angels cannot solve; but that he does delight in his beloved is certain, and is the fruitful root of favours as numerous as they are precious (1 Kings 10:9).<sup>2</sup>

*(Verse 21)* Here the assertion of purity is repeated, both in a positive and a negative form. There is "*I have*" and "*I have not,*" both of which must be blended in a truly sanctified life; constraining and restraining grace must each take its share. The words of this verse refer to the saint as a traveller carefully keeping to "*the ways of the Lord,*" and "*not wickedly,*" that is, designedly, wilfully, persistently, defiantly forsaking the ordained pathway in which God favours the pilgrim with his presence. David lived habitually in communion with God, and knew him to be his own God (1 Thes. 2:10).<sup>3</sup>

*(Verse 22)* "*For all his judgments were before me.*" The word, the character, and the actions of God should be evermore before our eyes; we should learn, consider, and reverence them. Men forget what they do not wish to remember, but the excellent attributes of the Most High are objects of the believer's affectionate and delighted admiration. We should keep the image of God so constantly before us.<sup>4</sup>



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**Righteousness:** The sole condition on which this righteousness is imputed or credited to the believer is faith in or on the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith is called a "condition," not because it possesses any merit, but only because it is the instrument, the only instrument by which the soul appropriates or apprehends Christ and his righteousness (Rom. 1:17; Rom. 3:25,26).<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 18:23-25 (KJV)**

<sup>23</sup> I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity. <sup>24</sup> Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight. <sup>25</sup> With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

**Psalm 2:4-5 (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin. <sup>24</sup> The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. <sup>25</sup> To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless,

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**B. The Compensation of His Power**

*(Verse 23)* In my relation to God I have been perfect as to all parts of His law. The perfection does not relate to degree. But what sin this was, we have no means of determining. All that appears is that David had an inclination to some particular form of sin, against which he found it necessary to be continually upon his guard.<sup>1</sup>

*(Verse 24)* Yahweh helps His people. He responds to those who are faithful, blameless, pure, or humble. Anyone who is false or arrogant, faces His judgment. David attested that he had not turned from ... God, that he walked in God's ways, obeyed His laws and decrees, and kept himself from sin. God honored His obedient servant with tremendous victories.<sup>2</sup>

**C. The Compassion of His Power**

*(Verse 25)* "With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful". The merciful man is the good, gracious, holy, and godly man, as the word here used signifies, and is sometimes rendered; one that has received grace and mercy from the Lord. The principles of grace and goodness wrought in him, and is kind and merciful to others, both to their souls and bodies; and to such men God shows himself merciful: not that they are first merciful to others. Then he is so to them, for it is just the reverse; nor is their mercifulness the cause or condition of his, for he has mercy on whom he will have mercy; but to such he shows fresh mercy, and bestows more grace upon them; they find grace and mercy with him now. to such upright men God shows himself upright, or faithful, by keeping his covenant with them, fulfilling his promises to them, and not suffering one good thing to fail he has given them reason to expect from him.<sup>3</sup>





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**Summary Cont'd:** steady, and protect you. In His care, we are never helpless. Just as David did, we too must see all the blessings we enjoy in life as the fruit of God's rewards. That is the way believers should look at life . . . all we have has been delivered to us from God. That is the kind of God he is.<sup>4</sup>

**Questions:**

1. Do you have troubles, like "deep waters," that threaten to drown you?

2. **T or F** Violators of God's Word have no reason or hope for God's help?

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**Psalm 18:26-28 (KJV)**

<sup>26</sup> With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

<sup>27</sup> For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. <sup>28</sup> For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

**Psalm 18:26-28 (NIV)**

<sup>26</sup> to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. <sup>27</sup> You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

<sup>28</sup> You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

**God's Power of Deliverance Part 2**

**C. The Compassion of His Power**

**(Verse 26)** Here is the law of God's moral government. His attitude towards men is conditioned by their attitude towards him. The person whose life is governed by the spirit of lovingkindness will himself experience the lovingkindness of the Lord. On the other hand, God is at cross purposes with the wicked, frustrating their plans, and punishing their wickedness.<sup>1</sup>

**(Verse 27)** In these verses David gives a **principle** (vs. 25), examples of that principle (vss. 26-27), and a delightful **promise**. The principle is this: **With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful.** The dealings of the Lord are always just. He metes out to men every man according to his measure. God measures the area of a man's land by the same rod with which that man measures the area of others' land.<sup>2</sup>

**(Verse 28)** **For thou wilt light my candle** means that David has full assurance that, since he has lived uprightly, God will be his light in his darkest hour. All who live righteously in Christ Jesus have that same promise.<sup>3</sup>

**Summary:** David loved God for what he had done for him. He had been bound fast by sin, and God had personally come down from heaven, through clouds and winds, thunder and lightning and had delivered him. Are there time when you wish that God would quickly rescue you from your troubles? Remember God can either deliver you or be your support as you go through them. Either way, his protection and power of deliverance is best for you. When you feel like you are drowning in troubles, ask God to help you, hold you



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**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 18: 29-36

**Lesson Outline**

**A. The Rock**

(vs. 29-31)

**B. The Reviver**

(vs. 32-34)

**C. The Right Hand**

(vs. 35-36)

**D. The Revenger**

(vs. 37-38)

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**The Characteristics of God**

The lives of others are examples for us, but God requires us to examine our own souls. It is slow work— so slow that it takes God all of time and eternity to make a man or woman conform to His purpose. We can only be used by God after we allow Him to show us the deep, hidden areas of our own character. It is astounding how ignorant we are about ourselves! We don't even recognize the envy, laziness, or pride within us when we see it. But Jesus will reveal to us everything we have held within ourselves before His grace began to work. How many of us have learned to look inwardly with courage?

We have to get rid of the idea that we understand ourselves. That is always the last bit of pride to go. The only One who understands us is God. The greatest curse in our spiritual life is pride. If we have ever had a glimpse of what we are like in the sight of God, we will never say, "Oh, I'm so unworthy." We will understand that this goes without saying. But as long as there is any doubt that we are unworthy, God will continue to close us in until He gets us alone. Whenever there is any element of pride or conceit remaining, Jesus can't teach us anything. He will allow us to experience heartbreak or the disappointment we feel when our intellectual pride is wounded. He will reveal numerous misplaced affections or desires— things over which we never thought He would have to get us alone. Many things are shown to us, often without effect. But when God gets us alone over them, they will be clear.<sup>1</sup>

1. Do you ever have quiet time with God? Explain

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**Lesson Aim:** Students will place their confidence in the power of God to enable them to overcome difficult times and to give them everything that they need to complete the challenge that He allows.<sup>3</sup>

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**Psalm 18:29-30 (KJV)**

<sup>29</sup> For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. <sup>30</sup> *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.

**Psalm 18:29-30 (NIV)**

<sup>29</sup> With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. <sup>30</sup> *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.

**The Characteristics of God**

**A. The Rock**

**(Verse 29)** The verse says, “For by thee I have run through a troop” . The word troop here refers to bands of soldiers, or hosts of enemies. The word rendered run through means properly to run; and then, as here, to run or rush upon in a hostile sense; to rush with violence upon one. The idea here is that he had been enabled to rush with violence upon his armed opposers; that is, to overcome them, and to secure a victory. The allusion is to the wars in which he had been engaged. Then he says, “Have I leaped over a wall”. Have I been delivered, as if I had leaped over a wall when I was besieged; or, I have been able to scale the walls of an enemy, and to secure a victory. The probability is that the latter is the true idea, and that he refers to his successful attacks on the fortified towns of his enemies. The general idea is, that all his victories were to be traced to God.<sup>1</sup>

**(Verse 30)** This verse says, “As for God,” that is, in respect to that Great Being, who has delivered me, his ways are all perfect; his word is tried; he is a shield to all those who trust in him. “His way is perfect”, that is, his doings are perfect; his methods of administration are perfect; his government is perfect. There is nothing wanting, nothing defectie, nothing redundant, in what he does ( Job 1:1). Then he says, “The word of the Lord is tried” the idea is, that his word had been tested as silver or any other metal is in the fire. The psalmist had confided in him, and had found him faithful to all his promises. His word will survive all the revolutions of kingdoms and all the changes of dynasties; that it will be able to meet all the attacks which shall be made upon it by its enemies; and that it will be an unfailling source of light and comfort to all future ages. If persecution could crush it, it would have been crushed long ago; if ridicule could drive it from the world, it would have been driven away long ago; and by learning, combined with intense hatred, could destroy it, it would have been destroyed long ago.<sup>2</sup>



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**HIND** - the female of the common stag or *Cervus elaphus*. It is frequently noticed in the poetical parts of Scripture as emblematic of activity, Gen. 49:21; Ps. 18:33 gentleness, Prov. 5:19 feminine modesty, Song. 2:7 earnest longing, Ps. 42:1 and maternal affection.<sup>3</sup>

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**Psalm 18:31-33 (KJV)**

<sup>31</sup> For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God? <sup>32</sup> *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. <sup>33</sup> He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places.

**Psalm 18:31-33 (NIV)**

<sup>31</sup> For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? <sup>32</sup> It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. <sup>33</sup> He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.

**The Characteristics of God**

**A. The Rock**

*(Verse 31)* In this verse David had trusted Him—fled to Him for refuge and protection. Only God was a rock, a strong fortress that could not be penetrated. He is the only true and living God, the God who answers with fire (1 Ki. 18:21-39). He is not an object or mythical figure like the idols and false gods of the heathen. Rather, He is alive, and He personally shows up when we, His beloved people, need Him.<sup>1</sup>

**B. The Reviver**

*(Verse 32)* David was a mighty warrior. He had burst on the scene in a blaze of glory, fearlessly decapitating the blasphemous giant who defied Israel's God. His skills had been honed in the years of his youth while he tended his father's sheep. Lions and bears were no match for the teenage warrior, yet he fully realized that his victories were possible only through the abilities that God had given. Refusing any credit for his triumphs, David assigned all the glory to the Lord who had prepared him for battle. The Lord had clothed him with strength and had secured or safeguarded his way.<sup>2</sup>

*(Verse 33)* David then says, "He will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places." The hind is the female deer, remarkable for fleetness or swiftness. The meaning here is, that God had made him alert or active, enabling him to pursue a flying enemy, or to escape from a swift-running foe (Hab. 3:19). Then the verse says, "And setteth me upon my high places" - places of safety or refuge. The idea is, that God had given him security, or had rendered him safe from danger (Deut. 32:13). Swiftness of foot, or ability to escape from, or to pursue an enemy, was regarded as of great value in ancient warfare. Achilles, according to the descriptions of Homer, was remarkable for it.<sup>3</sup>



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**War:** Divine aid was further sought in actual warfare by bringing into the field the Ark of the Covenant, which was the symbol of Jehovah Himself . Formal proclamations of war were not interchanged between the belligerents. Before entering the enemy’s district, spies were sent to ascertain the character of the country and the preparations of its inhabitants for resistance.<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 18:34-36 (KJV)**

<sup>34</sup> He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.<sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup> Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

**Psalm 18:34-36 (NIV)**

<sup>34</sup> He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. <sup>35</sup> You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. <sup>36</sup> You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.

**The Characteristics of God**

**B. The Reviver**

*(Verse 34)* This verse says, “He teacheth my hands to war.” The skill which David had in the use of the bow, the sword, or the spear - all of which depends on the hands - he ascribes entirely to God.<sup>1</sup>

**C. The Right Hand**

*(Verse 35)* David says, “Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvations - Thou hast saved me as with a shield; thou hast thrown thy shield before me in times of danger. “And thy right hand hath holden me up - Thou hast sustained me when in danger of failing, as if thou hadst upheld me with thine own hand. The text then says, “And thy gentleness hath made me great” The word here rendered gentleness, evidently means here favor, goodness, kindness. It commonly means humility, modesty, as applied to men; as applied to God, it means mildness, clemency, favor. The idea is, that God had dealt with him in gentleness, kindness, clemency, and that to this fact alone he owed all his prosperity and success in life. It was not by any claim which he had on God; it was by no worth of his own; it was by no native strength or valor that he had been thus exalted, but it was wholly because God had dealt kindly with him, or had showed him favor. So all our success in life is to be traced to the favor - the kindness - of God.<sup>2</sup>

*(Verse 36)* The idea here is, “Thou hast made room for my feet, so that I have been enabled to walk without hindrance or obstruction. The idea is, that he was before hindered in his goings, but that now all obstacles had been taken out of the way, and he could walk freely. The Hebrew word here rendered in the text “feet”, means properly a joint; especially the ankle. The joint that is so useful in walking, and that is so liable to be sprained or dislocated.<sup>3</sup>





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**Questions:**

1. In what way do you praise God for his attributes during difficult times?
  
2. What attribute(s) of God has helped you go through your most difficult times?

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**Psalm 18:37-38 (KJV)**

<sup>37</sup> I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. <sup>38</sup> I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

**Psalm 18:37-38 (NIV)**

<sup>37</sup> I pursued my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed. <sup>38</sup> I crushed them so that they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet.

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**D. The Revenger**

**(Verse 37) I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them** - He had not only routed them, but had had strength to pursue them; he had not only pursued them, but he had been enabled to come up to them. The idea is that of complete success and absolute triumph. **Neither did I turn again** - I was not driven back, nor was I weary and exhausted, and compelled to give over the pursuit. **Till they were consumed** - Until they were all either slain or made captive, so that the hostile forces vanished. None of my enemies were left.<sup>1</sup>

**(Verse 38) I have wounded them ...** - I have so weakened them - so entirely prostrated them - that they were not able to rally again. This does not refer so much to wounds inflicted on individuals in the hostile ranks as to the entire host or army. It was so weakened that it could not again be put in battle array. The idea is that of successful pursuit and conquest. **They are fallen under my feet** - I have completely trodden them down - a common mode of denoting entire victory (Lam. 1:15) <sup>2</sup>

**Summary:** David praises the Lord for His attributes. He did not place confidence in his own abilities during his most difficult times, but rather he realized that the same God that brought him to the throne would give him the light he needed to rule. He gives praises to God for being all that he needed in his most difficult times. His confidence was placed in God who was his rock, protector, and deliverer. His awareness of God's power increased his faith and he was confident that God would deliver him from his enemies in due time.<sup>3</sup>



**Lesson VI**

**Date** September 10, 2017

**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 18: 39-50

**Lesson Outline**

**A. David's Principles**  
(vs. 39-42)

**B. David's Position**  
(vs. 43-45)

**C. David's Praise**  
(vs. 46-50)

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**David Defeats His Enemies**

Perseverance means more than endurance— more than simply holding on until the end. A saint's life is in the hands of God like a bow and arrow in the hands of an archer. God is aiming at something the saint cannot see, but our Lord continues to stretch and strain, and every once in a while, the saint says, "I can't take any more." Yet God pays no attention; He goes on stretching until His purpose is in sight, and then He lets the arrow fly. Entrust yourself to God's hands. Is there something in your life for which you need perseverance right now? Maintain your intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through the perseverance of faith. Proclaim as Job did, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15).

Faith is not some weak and pitiful emotion, but is strong and vigorous confidence built on the fact that God is holy love. And even though you cannot see Him right now and cannot understand what He is doing, you know Him. Disaster occurs in your life when you lack the mental composure that comes from establishing yourself on the eternal truth that God is holy love. Faith is the supreme effort of your life— throwing yourself with abandon and total confidence upon God.

God ventured His all in Jesus Christ to save us, and now He wants us to venture our all with total abandoned confidence in Him. There are areas in our lives where that faith has not worked in us as yet— places still untouched by the life of God. There were none of those places in Jesus Christ's life, and there are to be none in ours. Jesus prayed, "This is eternal life, that they may know You..." (John 17:3). The real meaning of eternal life is a life that can face anything it has to face without wavering. If we will take this view, life will become one great romance— a glorious opportunity of seeing wonderful things all the time. God is disciplining us to get us into this central place of power.<sup>1</sup>

1. When was last time God used you to perform a deed ?

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**Lesson Aim:** Students will embrace the fact that it is God who gives victories and learn to praise Him in the midst of difficult times as they remember past victories.<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 18:39-41 (KJV)**

<sup>39</sup> For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me. <sup>40</sup> Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. <sup>41</sup> They cried, but *there was* none to save *them: even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

**Psalm 18:39-41 (NIV)**

<sup>39</sup> You armed me with strength for battle; you made my adversaries bow at my feet. <sup>40</sup> You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes. <sup>41</sup> They cried for help, but there was no one to save them-- to the LORD, but he did not answer.

**David Defeats His Enemies**

**A. David's Principles**

**(Verse 39)** The text says, "For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle". David is saying that God has given him the strength to fight the battle, not to lay down in the battle and do nothing. Then he says, "Thou hast subdued under me". This word subdued means caused to bow. That is, God had caused them to submit to him; he had enabled him to overcome them; still acknowledging that all this was from God, and that the praise was due to Him, and not to the power of his own arm (Isaiah 45:14).<sup>1</sup>

**(Verse 40)** This verse says, "Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies". Their necks to tread upon, as the result of victory; or their necks to be subject to me, as the neck of the ox is to his owner. The phrase is sometimes used in this latter sense to denote subjection (Jer. 27:12); but it is more commonly, when applied to war, used in the former sense, as denoting complete triumph or conquest. It was not uncommon to trample on the necks of those who were overcome in battle. Then the text says, "That I might destroy them that hate me". Those who have pursued and persecuted me in this manner. The idea is that of utterly overcoming them; of putting an end to their power, and to their ability to injure him.<sup>2</sup>

**(Verse 41)** This verse says, "But there was none to save them", in other words to preserve their lives. No help appeared from their own countrymen; they found no mercy in me or my followers; and God did not interpose to deliver them. Then we see in this verse, "even unto the Lord", as a last resort. People appeal to everything else for help before they will appeal to God; often when they come to Him it is by constraint, and not willingly; if the danger should leave them, they would cease to call upon Him.<sup>3</sup>





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**Heathen :** At first the word *goyim* denoted generally all the nations of the world (Gen. 18:18). The Jews afterwards became a people distinguished in a marked manner from the other *goyim*. They were a separate people (Lev. 20:23), and the other nations, the Amorites, Hittites, etc., were the *goyim*, the heathen, with whom the Jews were forbidden to be associated in any way.<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 18:42-44 (KJV)**

<sup>42</sup> Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets. <sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>44</sup> As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

**Psalm 18:42-44 (NIV)**

<sup>42</sup> I beat them as fine as dust borne on the wind; I poured them out like mud in the streets. <sup>43</sup> You have delivered me from the attacks of the people; you have made me the head of nations; people I did not know are subject to me. <sup>44</sup> As soon as they hear me, they obey me; foreigners cringe before me.

**David Defeats His Enemies**

**A. David's Principles**

**(Verse 42)** This verse says, "Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind". As the fine dust is driven by the wind, so they fled before me. There could be no more striking illustration of a defeated army flying before a conqueror.<sup>1</sup>

**B. David's Position**

**(Verse 43)** The verse says, "Thou hast made me the head of the heathen". The head of the nations; that is, the nations round about. In other words, he had, by the divine aid, brought them into subjection to him, or so subdued them that they became tributary to him. The word "heathen" with us expresses an idea which is that surrounding nations had been made subject to him; or that he had been made to rule over them. David, in fact, thus brought the surrounding people under subjection to him, and made them tributary (2 Sam. 8).<sup>2</sup>

**(Verse 44)** This verse says, "As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me" as in Hebrew, at the hearing of the ear. That is, their submission will be prompt and immediate. The fame of my victories will be such as to render resistance hopeless; my fame, as at the head of a mighty empire, will be such as to lead them to desire my friendship and protection. Then this verse says, "Shall submit themselves unto me, meaning a yield feigned obedience. The Hebrew word used here for "submit" means properly to lie, to speak lies. God is aware of the fact that many who profess to be subject to him are subject in profession only; that if they could do it with safety, they would throw off the very appearance of loyalty, and carry out in reality what exists in their hearts (2 Sam. 22:44-46).<sup>3</sup>



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**AVENGER.** These words are often used in the sense of to avenge a wrong, or the one who brings punishment (*see* Blood, Avenger of). This is the meaning in Num. 35:19-27; Jer. 15:15. The civil magistrate is called by Paul “a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil” (Rom. 13:4); while in 2 Cor. 7:11, the apostle recognizes as a prominent virtue of the church in Corinth its zeal in avenging wrong, i.e., *disciplinary zeal* against the incestuous person.<sup>5</sup>

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**Psalm 18:45-48 (KJV)**

<sup>45</sup> The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places. <sup>46</sup> The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. <sup>47</sup> *It is* God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me. <sup>48</sup> 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.

**Psalm 18:45-48 (NIV)**

<sup>45</sup> They all lose heart; they come trembling from their strongholds. <sup>46</sup> The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! <sup>47</sup> He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me, <sup>48</sup> who saves me from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from violent men you rescued me.

**David Defeats His Enemies**

**B. David's Position**

**(Verse 45)** This verse says, “The strangers shall fade away”, meaning “the sons of the stranger.” That is, foreigners. The word rendered fade away means properly to wilt, wither, fall away, as applicable to flowers, leaves, or plants (Isa. 28:1). Here it means that those foreign nations would diminish in numbers and in power, until they should wholly disappear. The idea is, that all his foes would vanish, and that he and his kingdom would be left in peace.<sup>1</sup>

**C. David's Praise**

**(Verse 46)** In this verse we see, “And let the God of my salvation be exalted”. The God who has saved me from my enemies. Let him be exalted, be praised, be honored, be adored. Let his name be exalted above all idol gods; above all the creatures that he has made. The wish is, that His name might be made prominent; that all creatures might praise and honor Him (Luke 1:47).<sup>2</sup>

**(Verse 47)** This verse says, “It is God that avengeth me”. The meaning is, that God had punished the enemies of the author of the psalm for all the wrongs which they had done to him. Instead of being rebellious and tumultuous, God had reduced them to obedience, and had thus set him over a kingdom where all were subject to order and to law (Rom. 12:19).<sup>3</sup>

**(Verse 48)** This verse says, “Yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me”. So that I triumph over them. Instead of being subdued by them, and trampled under their feet, I am exalted, and they are humbled.<sup>4</sup>



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**Questions:**

1. When you look back over your life is there a specific time you had to wait patiently upon the Lord for deliverance? How did the experience increase your faith and confidence in the Lord?
2. What victories in your life can you look at and say without a doubt that it was God who did it?
3. How do you show gratitude for the victories that God has allowed in your life?

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**Psalm 18:49-50 (KJV)**

<sup>49</sup> Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

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

**Psalm 18:49-50 (NIV)**

<sup>49</sup> Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD; I will sing praises to your name.

<sup>50</sup> He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.

**David Defeats His Enemies**

**C. David's Praise**

*(Verse 49)* This verse says, "Therefore will I give thanks unto thee" the word "thanks means properly to profess, to confess, to acknowledge; then especially to acknowledge or recognize blessings and favors. The idea here is that he would make a public acknowledgment of those blessings which he had received; or that he would cause the remembrance of them to be celebrated among the nations (Rom. 15:9).<sup>1</sup>

*(Verse 50)* This verse says, "Great deliverance giveth he to his king" The phrase "to his king" refers to the fact that God had appointed him to reign, and to administer the government for him. He did not reign on his own account, but he reigned for God, and with a view to do his will.<sup>2</sup>

**Summary:** David confesses total dependence on God who brought him total victory. He has had a long but important journey between his anointing and receiving the throne. He shows us what we should do while we wait upon the Lord for deliverance. He did nothing to attempt to defeat his enemies but patiently waited on the Lord. He was obedient, and focused on the Lord and His faithfulness in his life. God gave David what he needed to defeat his enemies. God requires patience, obedience, and trust of believers as we journey through the trials of life to the place of His calling for each. Believers are to keep the faith, focus on the power of God, and place our trust in God for complete deliverance in due time, knowing that God will give us all that we need to complete whatever task He has for each of us. We must believe that IT IS GOD.<sup>3</sup>



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**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 19: 1-8

**Lesson Outline**

**A. Declaration of the Legacy of the LORD**

(vs. 1-3)

**B. Demonstration of the Labor of the LORD**

(vs. 4-6)

**C. Dictum of the Laws of the LORD**

(vs. 7-8)

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**The LORD OF OUR SALVATION!**

We have no experiences in our lives that correspond to the events in our Lord's life after the transfiguration. From that moment forward His life was altogether substitutionary. Up to the time of the transfiguration, He had exhibited the normal, perfect life of a man. But from the transfiguration forward— Gethsemane, the Cross, the resurrection— everything is unfamiliar to us. His Cross is the door by which every member of the human race can enter into the life of God; by His resurrection He has the right to give eternal life to anyone, and by His ascension our Lord entered heaven, keeping the door open for humanity.

The transfiguration was completed on the Mount of Ascension. If Jesus had gone to heaven directly from the Mount of Transfiguration, He would have gone alone. He would have been nothing more to us than a glorious Figure. But He turned His back on the glory, and came down from the mountain to identify Himself with fallen humanity.

The ascension is the complete fulfillment of the transfiguration. Our Lord returned to His original glory, but not simply as the Son of God— He returned to His father as the Son of Man as well. There is now freedom of access for anyone straight to the very throne of God because of the ascension of the Son of Man. As the Son of Man, Jesus Christ deliberately limited His omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience. But now they are His in absolute, full power. As the Son of Man, Jesus Christ now has all the power at the throne of God. From His ascension forward He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>1</sup>

1. Am I exhibiting a Christ like life? Explain

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 Psalm 19:1 - 8

**Lesson Aim:** To embrace the privilege of knowing God who is the creator of all things, to be aware of His presence in creation, and the Word of God.

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**Psalm 19:1-3 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. <sup>2</sup> Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. <sup>3</sup> *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*

**Psalm 19:1-3 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. <sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

**The LORD of Our Salvation!**

**A. Declaration of the Legacy of the LORD**

*(Verse 1-3)* I first learned about the story of Jonah while attending vacation bible school in the early 1980's at Emmanuel Baptist Church located at 8301 South Damen, Chicago, Illinois. The book of Jonah can help guide your understanding about the power and might of the LORD of our salvation. The prophet declared that, "Salvation is of the LORD" in Jonah 2:9. This dictum (key principle) is consistent within the collection of Psalms (Psalm 3:8; 62:1). The LORD demonstrated [His] mercy and grace towards Jonah, the mariners on the ship, and towards the great city of Nineveh. The same provision of grace and mercy has been granted to all who believe in Christ Jesus (John 3:16). As we study Psalm 19:1-8, we will learn and understand three biblical principles with the help of the Holy Spirit.<sup>1</sup>

The first principle presented in the first part of verse 1 involves the **Declaration of the Legacy of the LORD**. King David wrote, "The heavens declare the glory of God." The English word "heavens" is the Hebrew word *shamayim*. The ending of this Hebrew word *shamayim* suggests duality. In other words, the meaning of *heavens* is dual. The Genesis narrative gives us evidence that the LORD created the heavens and the earth out of nothing (Genesis 1:1). The idea presented with the word heavens describes the visible sky and the universe that contains the stars. In addition, the Apostle John reveals that the LORD's throne is in heaven (Revelation 4:2). This heaven should not be confused with the heavens created by the LORD. The Apostle Paul sheds light on this when he writes about being caught up into the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2). The third heaven is where the throne of God resides.<sup>2</sup>





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**Chamber:** (Heb. huppâ, “canopy”). A bridal couch with curtains (Ps. 19:5; Joel 2:16). The same word is employed by the Jews today for the canopy under which the marriage ceremony is still performed. Also refers to an apartment of a house.

**Figurative.** The term *chamber* is used metaphorically in Ps. 104:3,13 for the heavens. The expression “enter into my chambers,” etc. (Is. 26:20, NASB, “rooms”), is figurative of earnest prayer.<sup>3</sup>

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**Psalm 19:4-5 (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup> Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

**Psalm 19:4-5 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**The LORD of Our Salvation!**

**A. Declaration of the Legacy of the LORD**

**(Verse 1-3)** David records that the heavens declare the glory of God and it displays [His] handiwork. Mankind can see the handiwork of God from the LORD’s creation. This is why the natural man is without an excuse for not believing in God (Romans 1:20). The natural man rejects God and therefore is left to his imagination and opinion about the existence of the Biblical God. The second part of verse 1 states, “and the firmament shewth his handywork.” The word firmament occurs nine times in first chapter of Genesis as part of the creation account. In Genesis 1:6-8, “And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.”<sup>1</sup>

**B. Demonstration of the Labor of the LORD**

**(Verse 4-6)** The second principle gives us a **Demonstration of the Labor of the LORD**. The LORD shows us how he placed the sun inside the firmament in verse 4. The sun is the largest star in our solar system. It is the life giving star in our solar system and pours life-giving light, energy on earth, and generates space weather. The sun gives daily provision to all of the LORD’s creation. All things were created by Christ and for him (Colossians 1:16). The sun brightness is the source of light, its healing powers and splendor being used a figure of Christ, “the sun of righteousness”<sup>2</sup>



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**Bridegroom:** The church is alluded to (Rev. 21:9) as “the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” The meaning is that as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so the Lord shall forever rejoice in His people and His people in Him. Christ Himself is also called “the bridegroom” in the same sense (John 3:29). The figure of marriage is used also in the OT to denote the relationship between Jehovah and the Jewish nation, however with this important contrast. Israel is portrayed as the *wife* of Jehovah (Hosea 2:2, 16, 23).<sup>3</sup>

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**Psalm 19:6-7 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

**Psalm 19:6-7 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**The LORD of Our Salvation!**

**B. Demonstration of the Labor of the LORD**

(*Verse 4-6*) who will “arise with healing in its [His] beams” to usher in the Kingdom age according to Malachi 4:2 (Unger, 2002, p.770). In verse 5, David writes, “Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.” The bridegroom mentioned is a figure of Christ. Christ will reveal [His] power and authority at [His] second coming to usher in [His] millennium Kingdom. Christ is describes like a strong man to run a race. He will be victorious and accomplished the will of [His] Father. Scripture presents the imagery and symbolism of marriage between Christ and [His] ekklesia. The *ekklesia* is a Greek compound word for *ek* and *kaleo*. The Greek preposition *ek* means from out of and to something. The Greek verb *kaleo* means to call. The *ekklesia* is comprised of individuals whom placed their faith in Christ Jesus (John 3:16). This is the universal body of believers the LORD call out of this world and to [His] eternal Kingdom during this dispensation of Grace. Christ has sacrificially and lovingly chosen the *ekklesia* to be [His] bride (Eph. 5:25-27).<sup>1</sup>

**C. Dictum of the Laws of the LORD**

(*Verse 7-8*) The third principle gives us the **Dictum of the Laws of the LORD**. David writes, “The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making rise the simple. The English word *law* has been translated from the Hebrew word *torah*. The word *torah* means instruction, teaching, or law. Keeping things in context, the word *torah* is a set of LORD’s instruction, teaching, or law. In Judaism, (nxt pg)<sup>2</sup>



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Psalm 19:1 - 8

**Questions:**

1. How do you recognize evidence of the almighty in creation and the Word of God that is written upon your conscience?
  
2. How do you seek to know Him better through His Word?

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**Psalm 19:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

**Psalm 19:8 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup>The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

**The LORD of Our Salvation!**

**C. Dictum of the Laws of the LORD**

(*Verse 7-8*) the *torah* of God was revealed to Moses and recorded in the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures. The *torah* is also called the Pentateuch. David declares the *torah* of the LORD is perfect. The English word *perfect* was translated from the Hebrew word *tamim*. The word means whole, complete, faultless, blameless, and upright. Those adjectives describe the characteristic of the LORD's law. As a noun, the word means honesty, integrity, and truth. Those words describe the testimony of the LORD. The biblical principle here is that the LORD's law is righteous. It is all we need to be saved and to enjoy perfect fellowship with the LORD. The LORD's testimony will make a fool a wise person (Psalm 41:1). David writes in verse 8, "the statues of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes." The English words *statues* and *commandment* were translated from the Hebrew words *piqqud* and *mitzvah*. *Piqqud* means precept, order, or command. *Mitzvah* means commandment, precept, law, or the due. The *mitzvah* and *piqqud* are specific commands in the Bible and is pure. It is designed to enlighten the eyes of the believer. Although the words have overlapping meanings, each word has its own special use.<sup>1</sup>

**Summary:** The purpose of creation is to declare the glory of God. When we consider nature's design, beauty and order and we know that these things don't just evolve. There is a creator of it all. The psalmist moves from general revelation in nature to special revelation in the Word of God. The Word 's intent is to guide, teach, and convert souls. It is intended to lead to godliness as it takes residence in the heart of man. There is no greater privilege then knowing God. The Lord desires a relationship with created man and is calling.<sup>2</sup>





**Lesson VIII**

**Date** September 24, 2017

**Lesson Scriptures:**

Psalm 19: 9-14

**Lesson Outline**

**A. Judgments of the LORD**  
(vs. 9)

**B. Rewards granted by the LORD**  
(vs. 10-11)

**C. Provisions from the LORD**  
(vs. 12-13)

**D. Reliance upon the LORD**  
(vs. 14)

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**The JUDGE OF OUR SALVATION!**

A spiritually-minded person will never come to you with the demand— “Believe this and that”; a spiritually-minded person will demand that you align your life with the standards of Jesus. We are not asked to believe the Bible, but to believe the One whom the Bible reveals (see John 5:39-40). We are called to present liberty for the conscience of others, not to bring them liberty for their thoughts and opinions. And if we ourselves are free with the liberty of Christ, others will be brought into that same liberty— the liberty that comes from realizing the absolute control and authority of Jesus Christ.

Always measure your life solely by the standards of Jesus. Submit yourself to His yoke, and His alone; and always be careful never to place a yoke on others that is not of Jesus Christ. It takes God a long time to get us to stop thinking that unless everyone sees things exactly as we do, they must be wrong. That is never God’s view. There is only one true liberty— the liberty of Jesus at work in our conscience enabling us to do what is right.

Don’t get impatient with others. Remember how God dealt with you— with patience and with gentleness. But never water down the truth of God. Let it have its way and never apologize for it. Jesus said, “Go...and make disciples...” (Matthew 28:19), not, “Make converts to your own thoughts and opinions.”<sup>1</sup>

1. Do you have got God, or does He has got you? Explain

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**Lesson Aim:** Embrace the privilege of knowing the Word of God, that causes believers to obey God and lead lives that glorify Him.<sup>3</sup>

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**Psalm 19:9-10 (KJV)**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

**Psalm 19:9-10 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. <sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

**The JUDGE of Our Salvation!**

**A. Judgments of the LORD**

(*Verse 9*) I studied the book of Jonah as a student at Tyndale Theological Seminary located at 701 W Pipeline Road, Hurst Texas. Professor Dr. Dave Olander was proficient in Hebrew and often shared his exegetical work to help increase our knowledge and to help us rightly divide the word of truth. The prophet Jonah disobeyed the LORD because of his unwillingness to help people that had mistreated his people. The LORD intervened, and Jonah ended up inside the belly of a great fish. Jonah cried to God and spent 3 days inside the belly of fish. The prophet Jonah wrote in Jonah 2:10, “And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.” The LORD demonstrated that he is the Judge of Our Salvation. The judge is responsible for judgments, rewards, and provisions. Even though Jonah was angry at the end of the book, he demonstrated his reliance on the Judge of Our Salvation. As we study Psalm 19:9-14, we will learn and understand four biblical principles with the help of the Holy Spirit.<sup>1</sup>

The first principle gives us the **Judgments of the LORD**. King David writes in verse 9, “The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.” The English word *clean* was translated from the Hebrew word *tahor*. From an ethical sense, the word means pure, or clean. The fear of the LORD is pure and must be respected and admired. The biblical principle here is about the holiness of the LORD (Isaiah 6:3). A seraphim (angel) declared in this passage that the LORD of hosts is Holy, Holy, Holy. This is a Hebraic way to emphasize the holiness of the LORD. The same word in succession indicates the (nxt pg)<sup>2</sup>



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**Honey:** A sweet, thick fluid manufactured by bees from flowers and fruits and placed in the cells of the comb. In the East honey was much esteemed as food (Gen. 43:11). It was often eaten directly from the honeycomb or prepared in various ways (Ex. 16:31). Canaan is often described as a land “flowing with milk and honey” (Ex. 3:8).<sup>4</sup>

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**Psalm 19:10-11 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

**Psalm 19:10-11 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. <sup>11</sup> By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**The JUDGE of Our Salvation!**

**A. Judgments of the LORD**

*(Verse 9)* LORD’s holiness to the highest degree. Since the LORD in forever Holy, Holy, Holy the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous. Christ warns disciples about judging others when we have our own faults (Matthew 7:3-5; Luke 6:41-42). David let us know that there is not hypocrisy in the judgments of LORD. The LORD’s judgments are always true and righteous. Judgment is a function of LORD. The believer is out of order when they judge those outside of the church (1 Corinthians 5:12-13). The LORD will judge all including the house of LORD (1 Peter 4:17). The believer’s judgment is solely based on the rewards and not on salvation (2 Corinthians 5:10). We are eternally secured in Christ!<sup>1</sup>

**B. Rewards Granted by the LORD**

*(Verse 10)* The second principle gives us insight on the **Rewards granted by the LORD**. David writes, “More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than the honeycomb.” The judgments of the LORD are more precious than the finest gold. Most believers limit their knowledge of judgments as being only negative actions by the LORD. The twenty-eight chapter of Deuteronomy sheds lights on both positive (vv.1-14) and negative judgments by the Almighty God (vv.15-68).<sup>2</sup>

*(Verse 11)* David writes in verse 11, “Moreover by them is they servant warned: and in keeping there is great reward.” The LORD will warn his servants about the judgment of the LORD. The prophet Nathan rebukes David about for committing adultery with Bathsheba and slewing her husband Uriah (2 Samuel 11:14-17). David experienced the LORD’s judgment, and all of Israel (nxt pg).<sup>3</sup>



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Psalm 19:9 - 14

**Rewards:** Rewards are offered by God to a believer on the basis of faithful service rendered after salvation. It is clear from Scripture that God offers to the *lost* salvation and for the faithful service of the *saved*, rewards. Often in theological thinking salvation and rewards are confused. However, these two terms must be carefully distinguished. Salvation is a free gift, whereas rewards are earned by works

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**Psalm 19:12-13 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

**Psalm 19:12-13 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

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**B. Rewards Granted by the LORD**

(*Verse 11*) witnessed it (2 Samuel 12:12, 23). David besought the LORD to spare his first born. The LORD struck the child and he died. After a period of mourning and fasting, David arose from the earth and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel. He came into the house of the LORD and worshipped. After some time, the LORD blessed David and Bathseba with another son. He called his name Solomon. Believers experience the true blessing of life when they are in the will of the LORD. This reward was granted by the LORD.

**C. Provisions from the LORD**

(*Verse 12*) The third principle gives evidence about the **Provisions from the LORD**. David writes in verse 12, “Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.” David asked a question about sin. The sin of omission is a sin that is the result of not doing something God’s Word teaches that we should do. It is generally used in contrast with the corresponding phrase “the sin of commission”, or sins that a person actively commits. Believers are not exempt from sinning. The believer is in error when they go astray. David understood this and asked the LORD to cleanse him from his secret faults. Under the Dispensation of Grace, the Holy Spirit makes intercession for the saints according to the will of the LORD (Romans 8:28). We are still required to confess our sin to the LORD to stay in fellowship with Him (1 John 1:9).

(*Verse 13*) David writes in verse 13, “Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the (nxt pg)



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Psalm 19:9 - 14

**Questions:**

1. What would you say are the benefits in your life of knowing God's Word?
2. How are you living out your life as an offering to God?
3. What are some areas in your life that you may not be living as an offering to God? What will you do about it?

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**Psalm 5:6 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

**Psalm 5:6 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.

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**C. God's Character**

*(Verse 13)* great transgression.” David used two imperatives in this verse. The first imperative is used as a strong request. David begged the LORD to withhold him from proud men. The second imperative is in the jussive mood. This mood expresses a wish or desire. David desire was to not let the sinful man rule over him. The biblical principle here is that the LORD is our vindicator. David understood that the LORD was the only [One] with the authority and power to graciously restore him from his great sin against another.<sup>1</sup>

**D. Reliance upon the LORD**

*(Verse 14)* The fourth principle gives us assurance to have Reliance on the LORD. David writes in verse 14, “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight,O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.” The English verb *be* was translated from the Hebrew verb *hayah*. The verb is in the jussive mood. David's desire is for his utterances and meditations be acceptable to the LORD. He has fully surrendered to the LORD. David declared the LORD as his strength and redeemer. The same LORD that judges will also redeem those who are counted righteous. The possession case is attached to both Hebrew words to express affection towards the LORD. When the believer truly surrenders to the LORD, they will allow the LORD to rule over their life.<sup>2</sup>

**Summary:** David contemplated the movements of heavenly bodies by day and night, and meditated on them in contrast with the higher truths of which God had made known in the law and the bearing of the truths on his life. The law makes men aware of the extent and depth of sin and especially of secrets faults. It lead them to pray that they may be cleaned from secret faults and restrained from presumptuous sins. The truth also lead them to pray that their word and thoughts may be acceptable to God. As believers we should live our life as an offering to God (Rom. 12:1).<sup>3</sup>

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