

The Exultant King Psalm 18

“To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and the hand of Saul.”

My life is but a weaving between my Lord and me.
I cannot choose the colors, He worketh steadily.
Oft times he weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper, and I the underside.
Not till the looms are silent and the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful in the Weaver’s skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.
Author Unknown

“For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show **God’s truthfulness**, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. **As it is written, ‘Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.’**” Romans 15:8-9

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13

Christ is seated. His enemies are defeated. He reigns without rival!

I. The King’s Absolute Love for Yahweh. Psalm 18:1-3

“I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon Yahweh, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.” **Psalm 18:1-3**

“David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.” **2 Samuel 5:5**

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“In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.” **Hebrews 5:7**

God (Yahweh) is my Rock, My Shield, My Deliverer.

II. The King's Awe and Amazement at Yahweh. Psalm 18:4-30

A. The Amazing Responsiveness of Yahweh. Psalm 18:4-15

Yahweh heard and came down to rescue us.

“The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress, I called upon Yahweh; to my God I cried for help. **From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.” Psalm 18:4-6**

“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” **Matthew 12:40**

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience ... But God being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.”
Ephesians 2:1-5

“He came swiftly on the wings of the wind.” Psalm 18:10

“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened. And many of the bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, ‘Truly, this was the Son of God.’” **Matthew 27:50-54**

Yahweh in Christ defeats our greatest enemy – Death!

B. The Rock Solid Reliability of Yahweh. Psalm 18:16-30

Yahweh shields his people from the accusations of their enemies.

“He sent from on high, he took me; He drew me out of many waters. He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me. **They confronted me in the day of my calamity,**

but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, **because he delighted in me.” Psalm 18:16-19**

“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” **Matthew 3:17**

“This God – his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those **who take refuge in Him.” Psalm 18:30**

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”
Romans 3:21-24

“The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.”
Zephaniah 3:17

C. The Awesome Enabling Power of Yahweh. Psalm 18:31-50

“For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock except our God?
- the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.”
Psalm 18:31-32

Yahweh gives power to subdue his enemies under His King and bring the nations under His reign.

“Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”
1 Samuel 17:36-37

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18-20**

Yahweh gives us the power to fulfill his mission in this world even with all our weaknesses and struggles.

III. The King's Ambition for Yahweh. Psalm 18:46-50

“For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name. Great salvation, he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever.” **Psalm 18:49-50**

Our joy will only be complete when the nations see God for who He is – and worship Him forever.