

Deliverance us from our enemies

It is a psalm written by David the servant of the Lord. He sang to the Lord the words of this psalm when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all of his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

That phrase “When the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul”, is a phrase that suggests to us that this psalm was not written after any one particular battle but when David had been through about everything.

In fact the chronology is tied in by 2 Samuel 22. The entire psalm, Psalm 18, is found almost word for word in 2 Samuel 22. All of 2 Samuel 22, with minor word variations, actually contains Psalm 18.

In the setting in 2 Samuel 22 David is nearing the end of his life.

Saul has been long gone. The revolt of Absalom is over. David is getting nearer to the time when he is going to transfer his kingdom to Solomon. That linkage of when David had settled the war with Saul and all of his other conflicts would suggest that this psalm is written maybe in the twilight of his life.

I will love You, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I will call upon the Lord, *who is worthy* to be praised;

So shall I be saved from my enemies?

1. Knowing where we stand

V2 “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”.

1Sam 2:2 “There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God”.

In these nine titles, we see what God was for David:

- † His **strength**; the one that empowered him to survive against and defeat his enemies.
- † His **rock**; which indicates a place of shelter, safety, and a secure standing.
- † His **fortress**; a place of strength and safety.
- † His **deliverer**; the one who made a way of escape for him.
- † His **God**; “my *strong God*, not only the object of my adoration, but he who puts strength in my soul.” (Clarke)
- † His **strength**; but this uses a different Hebrew word than in (the idea behind this word is *fountain, source, origin.*)
- † His **shield**, who defends both his head and his heart.
- † His **horn**, meaning his strength and defense.
- † His **stronghold**, his high tower of refuge where he could see an enemy from a great distance and be protected from the adversary.

2. Call upon the name of the LORD Shout to the Lord

V3 “I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.”

Assurance that HE hears

We need to learn how **to call upon the Lord** in times of need and not talk too much to other people about our Problems.

Tell him how you feel stop telling others Tell Jesus. V6a “In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help.” Do you think He does not know about your situation?

Matthew 28: 18-20 “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.
¹⁹ Go therefore^[c] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to

observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.”

3.1 What happened when we call upon him for help?

V6b “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.”

He Hears V6b

How does he react when He hears our cries?

3.2 What happened when we call upon him for help?

He becomes angry V7-8

“The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry. Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.”

3.3 What happened when we call upon him for help?

Before He heard our cry the bible says He is seated at the right hand of God interceded on our behalf

Luke 22: 69 “But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.”

After He hears the cry of HIS CHILDREN He stand up Acts 7:56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

4. What is His Action?

V “14-17 He shot his arrows and scattered the enemies, great bolts of lightning and routed them. The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of breath from your nostrils.

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

5.1 What will happened to me

Ps 18:32 It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.

5.2 What will happened to me

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

You armed me with strength for battle; you made my adversaries bow at my feet. You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes.

6. Why does HE do that?

V19 He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.

Ps1:6a “For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous...”

7. During all this, what should I do?

V21-22 for I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God. All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees.

8. What would happen to our enemies?

V45 They all lose heart; they come trembling from their strongholds.

V47 He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me.

what this **gentleness** of God did: it made David **great**. We can say that the **gentleness** of God makes every believer **great** also, more than they often consider.

- † Some people are great because of their royal birth; who has a greater claim to royal birth than the son or daughter of the King of Kings?
- † Some people are great because of their election; what greater election is there than to be the elect of God?
- † Some people are great because of their wealth; who has greater riches than the children and heirs of the God who owns all?
- † Some people are great because of their victories; who has achieved greater victory than the one who is in unity with Jesus Christ, the greatest champion of all?
- † Some people are great because of their influence; who has greater influence than the child of God who can move the hand of God with their faithful and righteous prayers?
- † Some people are great because of their discoveries; who has discovered anything greater than the nature of the infinite and eternal God?
- † Some people are great because of their history; who has a greater heritage than a member of the body of Christ as it spans through the ages and generations?
- † Some people are great because of their destiny; who has a more glorious and amazing destiny than the heirs of His glory; those who are His own inheritance?