

David Praises God for Delivering Him from All His Enemies (c. 995 BC)

2 Samuel 22

Psalm 18

1 And David spoke the words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

2 He said,

“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

3 My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; My savior, You save me from violence.

4 “I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies.

5 “For the waves of death encompassed me; The torrents of destruction overwhelmed me;

6 The cords of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

7 “In my distress I called upon the LORD, Yes, I cried to my God; And from His temple He heard my voice, And my cry for help *came* into His ears.

8 “Then the earth shook and quaked, The foundations of heaven were trembling And were shaken, because He was angry.

9 “Smoke went up out of His nostrils, Fire from His mouth devoured; Coals were kindled by it.

10 “He bowed the heavens also, and came down With thick darkness under His feet.

11 “And He rode on a cherub and flew; And He appeared on the wings of the wind.

12 “And He made darkness canopies around Him, A mass of waters, thick clouds of the sky.

13 “From the brightness before Him

Coals of fire were kindled.

14 “The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice.

For the choir director.

A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

1 And he said,

“I love You, O LORD, my strength.”

2 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.

3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies.

4 The cords of death encompassed me, And the torrents of ungodliness terrified me.

5 The cords of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried to my God for help; He heard my voice out of His temple, And my cry for help before Him came into His ears.

7 Then the earth shook and quaked; And the foundations of the mountains were trembling And were shaken, because He was angry.

8 Smoke went up out of His nostrils, And fire from His mouth devoured; Coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down With thick darkness under His feet.

10 He rode upon a cherub and flew; And He sped upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness His hiding place, His canopy around Him, Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

12 From the brightness before Him passed His thick clouds, Hailstones and coals of fire.

13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.

15	“And He sent out arrows, and scattered them, Lightning, and routed them.	14	He sent out His arrows, and scattered them, And lightning flashes in abundance, and routed them.
16	“Then the channels of the sea appeared, The foundations of the world were laid bare By the rebuke of the LORD, At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.	15	Then the channels of water appeared, And the foundations of the world were laid bare At Your rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.
17	“He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.	16	He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.
18	“He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.	17	He delivered me from my strong enemy, And from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
19	“They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support.	18	They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my stay.
20	“He also brought me forth into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.	19	He brought me forth also into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.
21	“The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.	20	The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.
22	“For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not acted wickedly against my God.	21	For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.
23	“For all His ordinances <i>were</i> before me, And <i>as for</i> His statutes, I did not depart from them.	22	For all His ordinances were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me.
24	“I was also blameless toward Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.	23	I was also blameless with Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.
25	“Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to my cleanness before His eyes.	24	Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.
26	“With the kind You show Yourself kind, With the blameless You show Yourself blameless;	25	With the kind You show Yourself kind; With the blameless You show Yourself blameless;
27	With the pure You show Yourself pure, And with the perverted You show Yourself astute.	26	With the pure You show Yourself pure, And with the crooked You show Yourself astute.
28	“And You save an afflicted people; But Your eyes are on the haughty <i>whom</i> You abase.	27	For You save an afflicted people, But haughty eyes You abase.
29	“For You are my lamp, O LORD; And the LORD illumines my darkness.	28	For You light my lamp; The LORD my God illumines my darkness.
30	“For by You I can run upon a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall.	29	For by You I can run upon a troop; And by my God I can leap over a wall.
31	“As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the LORD is tested; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.	30	As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the LORD is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
32	“For who is God, besides the LORD? And who is a rock, besides our God?	31	For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God,

<p>33 “God is my strong fortress; And He sets the blameless in His way.</p> <p>34 “He makes my feet like hinds’ <i>feet</i>, And sets me on my high places.</p> <p>35 “He trains my hands for battle, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.</p> <p>36 “You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, And Your help makes me great.</p> <p>37 “You enlarge my steps under me, And my feet have not slipped.</p> <p>38 “I pursued my enemies and destroyed them, And I did not turn back until they were consumed.</p> <p>39 “And I have devoured them and shattered them, so that they did not rise; And they fell under my feet.</p> <p>40 “For You have girded me with strength for battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.</p> <p>41 “You have also made my enemies turn <i>their</i> backs to me, And I destroyed those who hated me.</p> <p>42 “They looked, but there was none to save; <i>Even</i> to the LORD, but He did not answer them.</p> <p>43 “Then I pulverized them as the dust of the earth; I crushed <i>and</i> stamped them as the mire of the streets.</p> <p>44 “You have also delivered me from the contentions of my people; You have kept me as head of the nations; A people whom I have not known serve me.</p> <p>45 “Foreigners pretend obedience to me; As soon as they hear, they obey me.</p> <p>46 “Foreigners lose heart, And come trembling out of their fortresses.</p> <p>47 “The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock; And exalted be God, the rock of my salvation,</p> <p>48 The God who executes vengeance for me, And brings down peoples under me,</p> <p>49 Who also brings me out from my enemies; You even lift me above those who rise up against me; You rescue me from the violent man.</p>	<p>32 The God who girds me with strength And makes my way blameless?</p> <p>33 He makes my feet like hinds’ <i>feet</i>, And sets me upon my high places.</p> <p>34 He trains my hands for battle, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.</p> <p>35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, And Your right hand upholds me; And Your gentleness makes me great.</p> <p>36 You enlarge my steps under me, And my feet have not slipped.</p> <p>37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them, And I did not turn back until they were consumed.</p> <p>38 I shattered them, so that they were not able to rise; They fell under my feet.</p> <p>39 For You have girded me with strength for battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.</p> <p>40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, And I destroyed those who hated me.</p> <p>41 They cried for help, but there was none to save, <i>Even</i> to the LORD, but He did not answer them.</p> <p>42 Then I beat them fine as the dust before the wind; I emptied them out as the mire of the streets.</p> <p>43 You have delivered me from the contentions of the people; You have placed me as head of the nations; A people whom I have not known serve me.</p> <p>44 As soon as they hear, they obey me; Foreigners submit to me.</p> <p>45 Foreigners fade away, And come trembling out of their fortresses.</p> <p>46 The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock; And exalted be the God of my salvation,</p> <p>47 The God who executes vengeance for me, And subdues peoples under me.</p> <p>48 He delivers me from my enemies; Surely You lift me above those who rise up against me; You rescue me from the violent man.</p>
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50 “Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the nations, And I will sing praises to Your name.	49 Therefore I will give thanks to You among the nations, O LORD, And I will sing praises to Your name.
51 “He is a tower of deliverance to His king, And shows lovingkindness to His anointed, To David and his descendants forever.”	50 He gives great deliverance to His king, And shows lovingkindness to His anointed, To David and his descendants forever.

Give Thanks to the LORD (c. 995 BC)

Psalm 138

A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will give You thanks with all my heart;
I will sing praises to You before the gods.
- 2 I will bow down toward Your holy temple
And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.
- 3 On the day I called, You answered me;
You made me bold with strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O LORD,
When they have heard the words of Your mouth.
- 5 And they will sing of the ways of the LORD,
For great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD is exalted,
Yet He regards the lowly,
But the haughty He knows from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;
You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will save me.
- 8 The LORD will accomplish what concerns me;
Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting;
Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

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