

MY DELIVERER

KJV Psalm 18:2-3

2 The Lord *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

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

My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

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

So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Wednesday bible study we spoke about God our fortress and today we will talk about God our DELIVERER.

Deliverance is more than just a word used to describe a church service where demons and devils are cast out of people all night.

Deliverance is more than a word used to label your friend who ain't acting right.

We need deliverance each and every day from the pulpit to the pew to the white house and to yo house.

Our battle in this world is often not what's done to us but many times we what do to ourselves.

Our inclinations our evil desires, our addictions, our wants, our temptations, our fears and our worries.

God can and God will deliver those who seek and ask for deliverance.

So let's break down this text from our good friend King David

PSALM 18 - GREAT PRAISE FROM A PLACE OF GREAT VICTORY

This is a long psalm; there are only three psalms longer in the entire collection (78, 89, and 119).

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all of his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said:

*In the title David tells us whom the psalm was written for: God Himself, who is **the Chief Musician**. He tells us more about himself, that we should consider him **the servant of the LORD**. He tells us the occasion for the writing of the psalm - possibly not only the immediate aftermath of Saul's death (described in 1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 1), but also of the*

period leading to David's enthronement (2 Samuel 2-5). He tells us also something about Saul, who out of great, undeserved kindness on David's part, is not explicitly counted among the enemies of David (**from the hand of all of his enemies and from the hand of Saul**).

This psalm is virtually the same as the psalm sung by David at the very end of his life, as recorded in 2 Samuel 22.

It is likely that David composed this song as a younger man; yet in his old age David could look back with great gratitude and sing this song again, looking at his whole life.

A. God's past deliverance for David.

1. (1-3) David praises the God of his deliverance.

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.

a. **I will love You, O LORD:** This was a triumphant declaration made in a season of great triumph. It is true that David *decided* to love the LORD, but even more true that he simply felt *compelled* to love the LORD who delivered him so wonderfully.

i. **Since he was taken from the sheepfold and anointed the future king of Israel, David had lived some 20 or so**

years as a fugitive, and as a man who had lost everything. He lost his safety, he lost his youth, he lost his family, he lost his career, he lost his rights, he lost his connection with the covenant people of God, he lost his comforts, and at times he even lost his close relationship with God. Despite all, he remained steadfast to the Lord, and God - in His timing - delivered David and fulfilled the long-ago promise of his anointing.

ii. In saying, "**I will love You,**" David used a somewhat unusual word. "This word for *love* is an uncommon one, impulsive and emotional. Found elsewhere only in its intensive forms, it usually expresses the passionate love of the stronger for the weaker." (Boice)

iii. "Hebrew, I will love thee dearly and entirely...from the very heart-root." (Trapp)

v. David said, "**I will love You**" to the God who delivered him, not only for rescuing him *from* his trial, but for all God did in and through the trials to make him what he was. David wasn't bitter against God, as if he said, "Well, it's about time You delivered me." Instead he was grateful that the years of trouble had done something good and necessary in his life.

b. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer: David knew this to be true before, but he knew it by faith. Now David sang from a perspective that knew this by experience in a greater way than ever before.

i. When David said, "**The LORD is my rock**," he likely meant it in more than one sense. A rock was of help to the ancient Judean in several ways.

- It could provide essential shade, always needed in the merciless sun and heat of the desert (as in Isaiah 32:2).
- It could provide shelter and protection in its cracks and crevasses (as in Exodus 33:22 and Proverbs 30:26).
- It could provide a firm place to stand and fight, as opposed to sinking sand (as in Psalm 40:2).