

Psalm 18

A Psalm of David. The servant of the LORD, who spake unto 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. And he said: [Ref. see ->2Samuel-22](#)

King James Version (KJV)

18 I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. (strength= help)

²The 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. (strength -> different word than in [verse 1](#). This word does means strength)

³I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

⁴The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. ([A type for Rev-12, Satan's flood of lies](#))

⁵The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. ([sorrows= snares, ropes, cords, or things that bind](#))

⁶In 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.

⁷Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. ([Next few verses are a prophecy for the Lord's day](#))

⁸There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. [Hebrews-12:29, 2Thess-1:8](#)

⁹He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

¹⁰And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. [Psalms-104](#)

¹¹He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. ([The wrath of God on the Lord's day will be set against His enemies](#))

¹² At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. (Battles of Armageddon and Haman Gog – God defeats the armies of Satan and the wicked kings of the earth.)

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

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

¹⁵ 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. Psalms-11:6 (world=eon or age)

¹⁶ He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. (waters are the people... see Revelation) (God continually saved David from his enemies, as HE saves the faithful out of the heathen)

¹⁷ He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

¹⁸ They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. (prevented = preserved or protected) (stay= support)

¹⁹ He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

²⁰ The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. (Judgment will be reward for the just, and punishment for the unjust)

²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. (David never strayed to false gods)

²² For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

²³ I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

²⁴ Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

²⁵ With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

²⁶ With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward. (froward = contender or trouble maker)
(How God deals with you depends on YOU, not Him)

²⁷ For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. (high looks= pride, conceit, ego)

²⁸ For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

²⁹ For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. (God gives us the victory over all our enemies)

³⁰ 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. (See Ephesians-6 for the gospel armor)

³¹ For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God? (There is only one God) (The other rock is the false one – see Ezekiel-28)

³² It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. (perfect= mature)

³³ He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places. (hinds' feet – to be agile as a deer)

³⁴ He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. (The war for us will be a spiritual war against the antichrist. Truth versus lies and deceit)

³⁵ 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.

³⁶ Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

³⁷ I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

³⁸ I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

³⁹ For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

⁴⁰ Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

⁴¹ They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not. (Prophecy - There will come a time when it will be too late to call on the Lord)

⁴² Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

⁴³ 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. Is-52:15

⁴⁴ As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me. (Prophecy for the Lord's Day)

⁴⁵ The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places. (close places= stongholds)

⁴⁶ The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. (Christ is our Rock)

⁴⁷ It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

⁴⁸ 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. (violent man-> in prophecy, this will be Satan)

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

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

To the chief musician – HE who gives the victory