

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

David's Psalm of Deliverance

- The Lord provided David with peace near the end of his earthly life [2 Sam 22:1].
 - The final “hand of Saul” directed against David came in the Gibeonite incident [2 Sam 21:1-14].
 - The final “hand of all his enemies” directed against David came in the battles waged against the descendants of Goliath [2 Sam 21:15-22].
- David wrote a song of thankfulness to the Lord that is recorded here and in Psalm 18.
 - The two records of this hymn are slightly different.
 - Regardless of the differences, the basic content of this hymn remains the same.
 - This hymn is widely regarded as one of the greatest hymns of thanksgiving and praise ever written.
 - David identified that the Lord was his crag/rock, fortress, deliverer, refuge, shield, horn (source of strength), stronghold, and savior [vv. 2-3].
 - David extolled the faithfulness of the Lord who answered his prayers [vv. 4-7].
 - David described the amazing power of Almighty God who instills fear in those who oppose Him in the angelic conflict [vv. 8-16].
 - That same infinite power of God rescues man in the midst of that conflict [vv. 17-20].
 - After failing in the Bathsheba incident, David lived a godly life and had been blessed [vv. 21-25].
 - God is the perfect Judge and deals with everyone in a perfect way [vv. 26-28].
 - David knew very well that the Lord had given him success in the battlefield [vv. 29-46].
 - David concluded this beautiful hymn by acknowledging that all these things (his walk of righteousness, his many blessings, his military victories, etc.) were from God and, as such, all thanksgiving and praise belong to God [vv. 47-51].