

19-Psalms-07-Transcript

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well good evening brethren and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study looking forward to sharing the study with you tonight we are going to cover this evening Psalm 18 and this song is a very long Psalm it's 50 chapters I started 50 verses and you know out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks

and and and David is just filled with so much exuberance here and that's what he's going to share with us in songs or Psalm 18

let's open with the word of Prayer and get into the study for this evening our Heavenly Father we paused before you Lord God Almighty to to praise you to thank you to do to love you we praise you Lord we thank you we ask father that you would be with us this evening we are going through this book line by line but just eager to understand your we'll understand your purpose others I understand your design your plan your counsel and we pray father that you'll help us as we go through this book and this this particular chapter to gain wisdom to gain insight and to gain understanding and that with that wisdom inside an understanding we would order our lives we praise you Lord we ask this

blessing in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus the Messiah amen yes so let's get into the psalm today Psalm 18 and I'm going to apologize in advance that I'm not going to be using any graphics I'm not gonna be using any video or images just because I'm traveling and I just don't trust the speed of the internet when I'm in my home studio I've got very solid business speed a high level internet and so I'm more comfortable using the the images in the video in this case traveling I don't want to do that so hope you don't mind you're gonna be looking at me and the text for maybe what I'll do is use that expand the text so you don't have to look at me the whole time so let's begin with psalm eight

King and what's interesting about Psalm 18 is it's the same Psalm is found in 2nd Samuel 22 and so second Samuel 22 opens with and David spoken to the Lord the the words of this song in the day that the Lord had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies and out of the hand of Saul and he said the Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer and that is a very very similar to how the song 18 begins and if we look at that in Psalm 18 it starts off with to the chief musician a psalm of David the servant of the Lord who spoke 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 and he goes on to then very the the the two Psalms are not identical but they're 95% identical and looks like what was written in 2nd Samuel 22 was written first and then when we get to Psalm 18 and it's put in the psalter there's a bit of editing and tidying up but it's very very close

and I'm not going to do the analysis of the differences between the two I just want to study Psalm 18 so when we look here in the the introduction to the psalm and the first six verses represent the introduction of the psalm but here in the very intro where it's to the chief musician a psalm of David and David is the king he is the majestic royal King and this is a royal Psalm so that the type of song this is fits into you know we opened with Psalm 1 and 2 and someone was a wisdom song or Psalm around being Torah compliant and Psalm 2 was a royal Psalm and and we said that these two Psalms demonstrate the two themes that run throughout the five books of Psalms and this Psalm 18 is of the genre of the second Psalm it's a royal Psalm it has to do with and the king the Messiah the king so here he identifies himself even though he is the Royal King he identifies himself as the servant of the Lord which to him this is a higher office than the king so he's the servant of the Lord who spake unto the Lord or spoken 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 and I'll come back to what he said but the timing for this if we look in 2nd Samuel 8 so Israel was constantly plagued by the the people of the land that they were to go in and inherit this promised land and instead of wiping the people out they disobeyed and we had the period of the judges and then the period with Saul and Israel was constantly surrounded by its enemies until David and David obeyed the word of the Lord and he wiped out all of these enemies that they were to wipe out from the beginning and he was able to

establish peace in Israel and establish the Kingdom of Israel on earth and after all of that conquest and we see here in 2nd Samuel 8 a sense of the what what David had gone through and I was just talking to a business colleague actually and he said these words to me said Adrian you know we're just sharing some stories and he said life is lived forward but we only learn by looking backward and this is very much David's experience here that he has been living life forward now that he's established as the Royal King he's able to look backward on his life and see that Wow looking back see all of the the the lessons and and the the health that he received from God through his through his journey so here in 2nd Samuel 8 verse 1 it says and after this it came to pass that David smote the Philistines and subdued them and David took metha gama out of the hand of the Philistines and he smoked MOA and measured them with a line casting them down to the ground even the two lines measured he to put to death and with one full line keep alive and so the Moabites became david servants and brought gifts and smote also had a DS are the son of Rijo the king of Zopa and he went to recover his border at the river euphrates and david took from him a thousand chariots and seven thousand horsemen and twenty thousand footmen and david huffed all or hewed all the chariot horses or huffed all the chariot horses and reserved of them for a hundred chariots and when the Syrians of Damascus came to succor Hadees our king of Zopa David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men so you know this is just a very quick summary but you can imagine the intense battles that David and these different

campaigns that David was involved in then David put Garrison's in Syria of Damascus and the Syrians became servants to David and brought gifts and the Lord preserved and listen to this the Lord preserved David wherever he went so there was something happening as as David is struggling and working and campaigning and and all conquering these enemies and in in the heat of battle with these enemies it's very clear that the Lord was preserving David and David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Haida Deezer and brought them to Jerusalem and from beta or betta and from Bharathi cities of Herod Azer King David took exceeding much brass when toy king of hamath heard that David had smitten all the hosts of hata Deezer then TOI sent joram his son unto the King David to salute him and to bless him because he had fought against had a teaser and smitten him for how do Deezer had wars with toy so that some toy toy couldn't overcome him but David did and Durham brought with him vessels of silver and vessels of gold and vessels of brass which also King David did dedicate on to the Lord with the silver and gold that he had dedicated on to all nations which he subdued so david subdued a lot of nations and we see that here and God was with him throughout all of this of Syria and of Moab and of the children of Haman and of the Philistines and of Amalek and of the spoil of how daddies are son of a hope king of Zuba so this had a Deezer seem to be quite a formidable foe David vanquished him and David got him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt being 18,000 men and he put Garrison's in Edom throughout all Edom put he Garrison's

and all they have Adam became David's servants and the Lord preserved David wherever he went so again that's repeated so this is what we see here in Psalm 18 when David now is looking back and I just want to just I realize I just want to go back to verse 2 but David is looking back through all of this and he is so full of gratitude when he reflects that now he's in peace all the enemies have been vanquished he's been installed as king and there's just peace all around and and he's in this again this is 50 verses we're gonna cover here he is just so full of gratitude to the Lord and so when all of this conquest is now over and all his enemies of subdued he says the Lord is my rock and my fortress and I love the opening that our brother Jeff has put together for this study and he just nails it every time he asked me Adrian what book he gonna study next and I'll tell him the book and he says okay I'll cope with an intro and and then he just presents the intro and he just nails it it's like he just he just knows the essence of the book and then the effort and the essence of the psaltery is this the Lord is my rock so there's the solid rock of defense my fortress I'm safe in the Lord and my deliverer when I am in trouble he delivers me out of the trouble my God my strength in whom I will trust so David knows where to place his trust as he's looking at all of these conquests that he has come through and how God has brought him through these conquests he is now crystal clear where he places his trust it's not in all of his his man and his army and his his weaponry no he places his trust in the Lord my buckler my shield and the Horn of my salvation

and my Hightower you just get this sense
that David just can't express words fail
him to fully Express what God means to
him out of the abundance of the heart
the mouth speaks and I see like even
before they sing this song I think
there's an introduction of just these
trumpet blasts and the shofar just
blasting this this powerful sense of
victory because this Psalm is about the
victory of David and the installment of
David as the king of Israel and not just
the the victory of David but the victory
of Israel and the establishment of
Israel as the Kingdom on earth to rule
over all kingdoms and all kingdoms will
look up to Israel and so David is just
exuberant in in expressing what God
means to him and then he goes on to say
I will call upon the Lord he's clear
where his help comes from I will call
upon the Lord who is worthy to be
praised this God the the the his
character his loving-kindness his
strength his faithfulness he's worthy to
be praised in an in calling upon the
Lord this is how so shall I be saved
from my enemies David is very very clear
that these enemies and you just saw in
2nd Samuel 8
this headed easier how often he's he's
just referred to and and how the king
when when he hears that David as Concord
headed easier he sends his son with
gifts because this king was just so
powerful but but David didn't look at
him and think you know I need I need
more horsepower
I need more weapons I know I need to
call on God and this is this is the
lesson that he's learned I will call
upon the Lord who is worthy to be
praised this is how I shall be saved
from my enemies the sorrows of death

compassed me David is looking back and
and and and you know now he's victorious
he's the king there's safety all around
him and and peace but in the journey he
was on death's door he was surrounded by
Death there was no way out it's like
this is over I'm going to die and
probably a very very painful death The
Sorrows of death so not just death with
the the sorrow and the pain of death
surrounded me and the floods of ungodly
men made me afraid
David was a very courageous warrior the
warrior king and yet he's telling
telling us and being very transparent
here that what he had to deal with
terrified him overwhelming force
surrounded him no way out he is
definitely on his way to the grave The
Sorrows of death surrounded me and the
floods of ungodly men made me afraid and
in terms of again the psaltery is here
for us upon whom the ends of the age
have come and as we go through these
various trials and especially as we're
heading into the time of the Gentiles we
are going to be surrounded by ungodly
men and we the sorrows of death will
surround us but I thought this language
of the and and David was a poet and
we're missing the poetry of all of this
because I don't speak Hebrew and I can't
bring that out if we if we had a Hebrew
among us he could share with us that the
intricacy and the nuances in the Hebrew
to really show that the talent of David
and many people have
you know you look at I don't I don't
listen to rap but you know these are
poets and they some of them who are more
conscious than others perhaps are
looking at society and they're able to
comment on it and do that in a poetic
form but many of them are using this

talent to praise themselves to talk about how great they are and to put down those around them and it's just vanity David is using this talent that he has to just express how worthy God is of praise to praise God and to share with the nation what God has done for him but we may not have this articulation and so as we face the future all of these different emotions and the need to express these emotions we're gonna find it in the Psalms and in Revelation when we were in Chapter 12 what we saw was when the dragon goes after the woman and he's unsuccessful because the wood there's a place provided for the woman to keep her safe then he turns in in verse 17 and the dragon was angry with the woman and then he went to make war with the remnant of her seed and who are they those which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ and and it's very clear that he it's like a flood that the armies that he sends are going to be like a flood and that's what we see here in Psalms that he says in in verse 4 the floods of anka ungodly man made me afraid and and the Saints are gonna face this as well that did this this army of ungodly men are going to make us afraid and we can be full of you know who who Burress bravado I'm not afraid of anything I only fear God but we're human and we're wired a certain way and and when these filthy ungodly cruel men surround us it's going to make us afraid and we can use the Psalms to acknowledge these very real emotions and that's really the beauty of David's poetry is he doesn't hide his emotions he embraces them and expresses them and we get to understand the real human variance of going through some of these

trials he says in verse five the sorrows of Hell surrounded me so so the the the had to be worded again the the sorrows of death surrounded him and now he says the sorrows of the grave surrounded him the snares of death prevented me in my distress so when he's just at the low point and he's at rock-bottom in my distress I called upon the Lord and cried unto my god

so it's not just you know I I called I pray I went this was intense this was like I'm in deep trouble and with he just summons all of his his resources to cry out to God and you know what he heard my voice he heard my voice out of his temple and my cry came before him even into his ears this is amazing David is a human being on planet earth and he has a relationship with the creator of the universe and he cries out to this creator and the creator of the universe hears him that his voice reaches God in his temple the temple on earth has not been built yet David is going to give the instructions for the temple to his son Solomon and Solomon is going to build this temple in Jerusalem but this temple that David is referring to is the temple in heaven and his voice reached the temple in heaven and his cry came before the Creator even into his ears and then he and then and then now the the poem shifts to the second movement so the first movement was just this introduction of what's going on and who is God who is David address in and his praise for his creator now and his need for his creator

now comes the answer that his creator acts and his creator comes to earth to rescue him and he says when his cry came into the creator's ears he says then the earth shook and trembled the foundations

also of the hills moved or the mountains
and were shaken why because he was angry
and I want you to just to just reflect
for a moment here's this human being on
earth who's in distress who has many
enemies
that hate him that want to destroy him
he cries out to the creator and the
creator hears and when the Creator hears
he moves with fierceness because he's
very angry and and I just want to talk a
little bit about this creator creator of
what Dave is talking to the creator of
the universe and and and he's talking to
him from Earth the distance from Earth
to the Moon is and I apologized to my
American friends it's about four hundred
and five thousand kilometers I believe
in miles is about two hundred and fifty
thousand miles but in kilometer is four
hundred and five thousand kilometers
this distance if you were to drive your
car at a hundred kilometres an hour and
never stop just you you get in the car
you start it you're on the highway to
the moon and you're going 100 kilometers
an hour it would almost it would take
you almost six months without stopping
for gas never just staying at 100
kilometers per hour every hour you're
covering 100 kilometers is gonna take
you the better part of six months to get
to the moon that's earth to the moon the
distance to the Sun is a hug
and 49 million kilometers so I can't
even calculate how long that would take
so the distance of the moon is 400,000
kilometers the distance to the Sun from
the earth is 149 million kilometers the
solar system is part of the Milky Way
galaxy our Sun is just one of a hundred
billion stars in the Milky Way our Sun
which is a hundred and fifty million
kilometres from Earth is just one of a

hundred billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy the Milky Way galaxy a Lightyear is nine point four or let's say nine point five trillion kilometres the distance that light can travel in a year is nine point five trillion kilometers the Milky Way galaxy from end to end is a hundred thousand light years a hundred thousand times nine point five trillion so we'll take light a hundred thousand years to get from one end of the Milky Way to the next the Milky Way is one galaxies in a cluster of galaxies this local cluster of galaxies which includes a measure of 54 galaxies or 54 Milky Way's each of which has somewhere between a hundred to two hundred and fifty billion stars from one end to the other of the local cluster of galaxies ten million light years these these numbers are astronomical so the Milky Way is a hundred thousand light years from one end to the other but the local cluster of all the galaxies in our part of the universe is ten million light years across and a Lightyear remember is nine point five trillion kilometres our local cluster of galaxies is a speck in what's called the Virgo supercluster so there there's a super cluster of clusters of galaxies that super cluster contains a hundred galaxies each of which has about 250 billion stars or Suns and the distance from one end to the other a hundred and ten million so the local cluster of galaxies is ten million light-years across the Virgo supercluster is a hundred and ten million light-years across and it's a speck in the Lenny Lenny eka super cluster so there's a super cluster of super clusters and that has a hundred thousand galaxies and from one end to

the other they estimate is 530 million light years and that's just part of the observable universe and everything they can calculate right now of the observable universe two trillion galaxies each got two trillion galaxies each of which has 250 billion stars two trillion galaxies from one end of the observable universe to the other the estimate is 93 billion light years and it's expanding this is mind-boggling and it's expanding and that's just the observable universe that they're saying the universe is actually bigger than what they can observe but that the time it takes the light to travel to the earth so that they can measure it because it's expanding so fast that light will never reach the earth so it's impossible to measure the known universe but but what they can see so far is that from one end of the known universe to the other is 93 billion light years and it contains two trillion galaxies and each light year is nine point four trillion kilometres this is the creator it is the creator of this universe that this human being David cried out to and his cry came into his ear and when his cry came into the creator's ear he was angry and he came to earth earth this this nothin planet in the observable universe nothing from a scientist perspective and yet the scripture tells us the earth matters it matters so much that the Creator plans to move his tabernacle here and to dwell with man what is man that you are mindful of him there's something about Earth and there's something about man and there's something about David and and and because there's something about Israel so there's something about the king of

Israel that matters to the creator of a universe that is 93 billion light years actually if we think we win the observable universe is 93 billion light years across and it's actually bigger than that but this is what we can observe and the creator of all of this cares about earth cares about the king of Israel and cares about Israel and the king of Israel is actually a symbol of the Messiah and the kingdom that he established is symbolic and prophetic of the kingdom that the creator himself is going to establish on the earth and the universe has to have a center the universe has to have a headquarters and it's going to be earth and the kingdom that he's bringing to earth he's bringing it to Israel and so all of these human beings that are fighting against Israel and trying to destroy the king and trying to destroy the Messiah this makes the Creator angry and he came he says there went up a smoke out of his nostrils there went up a smoke out of his nostrils and again were made in His image and fire out of his mouth devoured coals were kindled by it he bowed the heavens also so this whole universe he took note of earth and he bowed the heavens and came down David is saying the Creator came to earth this is called a theophany when when when he visited Moses when he visited Jacob disappearance of God on earth is the theophany and and people don't understand this there's a false religions can never comprehend that the creator of Earth they're there they're there God has to be so powerful and so other but the God of Israel yes he is the creator of all of this but he actually condescends to man he actually

came to earth and made man in His image and in his likeness and fellowships with men and so he bowed the heavens also and came down and darkness was under his feet and this is again the passage where david says in psalm eight what is man that you're mindful of him in the son of man that you visit him what's going on here how is it that the universe is so massive and so when God promised to Abraham that his seed will be like the stars of heaven and like the sand of the of the seashore that they'll be innumerable there is a purpose for man that the scientists who can measure this universe they have no idea what it's for and yet we understand from the Bible that the creator of all of this is coming to earth and he says he will be glorified in Israel for ever and ever and ever so there is eternity and Israel is for eternity and these enemies that want to destroy the name of Israel this angers God and he rescues Israel because he will be glorified in Israel forever and so the whole universe is waiting the whole universes are there for Israel to inherit and so it's it's expanding for a reason and and and you know those who believe in the Big Bang Theory they're confused because if in fact the earth began with a big bang then what they expect is because of the gravitational toll of these planets that at some point the Big Bang would reach its limit and then begin to contract but that's not what's happening instead what's happening is not only is the universe expanding but the expansion is accelerating and they don't understand this we understand it because we have the scriptures that Israel's going to inherit all of this as God moves his headquarters to earth he says in verse

10 and he rode upon a carob and did fly
yes he did fly upon the wings of the
wind this is the creator and this is how
he Ezekiel saw this vision as well how
and same with John how he he moves in
how he transports he made darkness his
secret place his pavilion round about
him were dark waters and thick clouds of
the skies at the brightness that was
before him his thick clouds passed hail
stones and coals of fire so this is
quite a commotion as God comes to earth
the lord also thundered in the heavens
and the highest gave his voice hail
stones and coals of fire yes he sent out
his arrows and scattered them and he
shot out lightnings and discomfited
them now this praise of God we see a
similar tone in with Habakkuk and in the
back of clear three we'll just cut in
here in verse 12 he says you did march
through the land in indignation
so Habakkuk's the one that sees the
enemies of Israel rising and sees the
enemies of Israel coming to destroy
Israel and he's perplexed
and God is the first he's perplexed
about the evil in Israel then he's
perplexed about who God raises up to
stroy and punish Israel and then he sees
this that these enemies of Israel
themselves will be vanquished and he
says you'd had marched to the land in
indignation because Israel is the apple
of God's eye you did Thresh the heathen
in anger you went forth for the
salvation of your people
this massive universe is for God's
people and he's going to save them so
that they can inherit it and so he does
condescend to man man does matter
there's a star searching for life all
over this universe they can't they can't
find it

they're convinced that there must be some kind of human form or intelligent life somewhere out there and they can't find it

it's only on this strange insignificant planet and they don't understand how significant earth is and how significant humankind is to this how insignificant you are to God's plan in this massive universe that he's created for you to inherit as part of Israel and so here he goes forth for the salvation of his people and and for the salvation of your anointed you wounded the head out of the house of the wicked by discovering the foundation unto the neck Selah verse 17 although the fig tree shall not blossom neither shall the fruit be in the binds the labour of the olive shall fail and the fields shall yield no meat the flock shall be cut off from the fold and there shall be no herd in the stalls so this is the tragedy when these wicked people move in and just destroy and all this is the reality and then what does Habakkuk say and this is the tone of the Psalms yet I will rejoice in the Lord we walk by faith not by sight and so despite all of this bad news that surrounds us and despite the strength of the heathen and the devastation of the heathen Habakkuk says in in spite of all of this yet I will rejoice in the Lord I will joy in the God of my salvation because the salvation is sure when God speaks nobody can reverse what he says I will rejoice in the God of my salvation the Lord God is my strength sounds like David and he will make my feet like Hinds feet and he will make me walk upon my high places to the chief singer on my stringed instruments this is Habakkuk sounds just like David there's this this this

realization that the prophets had with the Word of God that no matter what was going on around them they could rejoice there's this brightness in their sadness and David has this and looking back he realizes you know everything that he went through he's looking back and just seeing it so clear verse 15 then the channels of waters were seen and the foundations of the world were discovered at your rebuke so God is so furious and he's come to earth to save and the very foundations of the world are discovered the the channels of the waters as he blasts the waters there's dry land at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils he sent from above he took me he drew me out of many waters it's exactly what Moses went through Moses says in Exodus 15 in his Psalm and we'll get to his song later and in the greatness of your excellency you have overthrown them that rose up against me you sent forth your wrath which consumed them as stubble and with the blast of your nostrils the washers were gathered together and we all understand this the floods stood upright as a heap and the depths were concealed in the heart of the sea so the same sort of rescue mission that God went on to save Israel from Egypt David sees the same intervention from his enemies in establish in the Kingdom of Israel he goes on now verse 18 they prevented me in the day of my calamity so he says here but the Lord was my stay he brought me forth into a large place he delivered God brings us in a broad place and we appreciated so much more because we were in that constraint or were in some sort of trial and remember this is a royal song so the King David

actually is symbolic of the Messiah and God delights in the Messiah and the establishment of the Kingdom of Israel now we move to this the third part of the psalm and this is now the explanation as to why they why God acted in this way to save David he goes on to now say the Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness according to the cleanness of my hands as he recommenced me so as David is looking back all the trouble that he had with Saul all the trouble that he had with these vicious nations and kings all around them and his conquest of all these enemies he's looking back and he's realizing that it was his repentance it was his authenticity it was his cleanness of heart with God that enabled him to have this special relationship with God that made God move he said David was a man after his own heart because of this this this genuine nature that this childlike nature that David had with God he says that he loves God with his whole heart because of this the Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness and this is what it's not that and when we'll explain this in a little bit but it's not that David is self-righteous and we have to be careful there can be many it's easy as a Christian to become self-righteous God is not looking for self-righteousness he's looking for righteousness what is righteousness righteousness is doing what God says and that's what David did David came to this wholehearted repentance and did what the Lord said and he could say my hands are clean for I have kept the ways of the Lord and have not wickedly departed from my god so this obviously David could see it in Israel and in fact it was only until

David that Israel actually obeyed God and put down the enemies and clean themselves up so that they could establish the kingdom of Israel but David did see people wickedly departing from God he didn't do that so what does he mean that he kept the ways of Lord that that God acted because of his righteousness if you look here in Leviticus 4 so once the the tabernacle was built then God gave Leviticus which is divine instruction how to live righteously with God but he says here in 422 when a ruler has sinned and done some walk through ignorance against any of the commandments of the Lord his God concerning the things which should not be done and is guilty or if his sin were in he has sinned come to his knowledge he shall bring his offering a kid of the goats a meal without blemish blemish and he shall slit he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat and kill it in the place where they killed the burnt offering before the Lord it is a sin offering so even though the ruler sins either ignorantly or when he sins it's brought to his attention there's a way to remain righteous before he doesn't so righteous doesn't mean perfect so David David isn't saying I was perfect he's saying I was righteous when I sinned I repented I didn't depart wickedly from God and I did what I was asked to do I did what I was told to do and this is how I can say I'm righteous before God because God tells me what to do and I do it so we as Christians we're striving to be perfect but we're not perfect when we make mistakes we don't hide them we go to God we confess and we repent and we call on the blood of Jesus Christ and this is how we're righteous before

God because his blood covers us and justifies us verse 22 for all his judgments were before me so the liveth the Torah was in front of him and I did not put away his statutes from me so this is he's telling us how he was righteous before God he followed the statutes and if he if he sinned Nathan pointed out to him David you are the man and and he confessed before God and he didn't hide the statutes he key the king is to write out the statutes by hand so that he would know the law and his judgments were in front of me I was also upright before him again it doesn't mean he was perfect it means he was obedient he did what he mean he did what the Torah he was compliant with the Torah I was also upright before him and I kept myself from my iniquity and and so this is the key

proverbs Solomon says as a dog returns to his vomit so a fool returns to his folly so yeah we can have folly the idea is to repent to to conform to Christ but some would kill eat apart from God and they return to their folly and and and Solomon is saying it's like when a dog vomits and this is a horrible thing but dogs will do this they'll vomit and then they'll go they'll eat their vomit so this is how those who keep returning to bad habits that's how they are but David says I didn't do that I clean myself up and I kept myself you know he calls it I kept myself from my iniquity David had an inclination and we have a sense of what that was with Bathsheba he says I kept myself from that you didn't you don't you don't hear these repeated episodes these sort of repeated Bathsheba episodes in David's life he had an episode he was brought to his attention and he

repented he had caused the cost the the
life of a child and he repented
wholeheartedly therefore has the Lord
recompense to me according to my
righteousness David can say this and God
tells us I will reward every man
according to his works
so our works matter our our works are
not we don't were not earning salvation
salvation is a free gift but we will be
recompense according to our works and
David understood this he's recompense to
me according to my righteousness he's
going to recompense all of us according
to our righteousness according to the
cleanness
of my hands in his eyesight so some
people might be pointing at Dave and say
isn't that the guy that oh yeah remember
the Bathsheba incident David's not
worried about what people think about
him he he is looking at how God looks at
him and he's saying I'm clean I'm clean
and all of us are clean if we are
repentant in Christ and this is what he
saw and Mamie says this with the
merciful you will show yourself merciful
so some people are so judgmental with
whatever measure you measure with it
you'll be measured and God says with the
merciful you'll show yourself merciful
with an upright man you will show
yourself upright and this is right out
of the Torah in Leviticus he says in
verse 23 of chapter 26 and if you will
not reformed by me by these things but
will walk contrary unto me then I will
also walk contrary unto you and will
punish you yet seven times for your sins
so we see this David understood the
Torah and he brings this to this poem
where in verse 26 he says with the pure
you will show yourself pure and with the
crooked you will show yourself crooked

so God God is going to
give each man what he deserves for you
will save the afflicted people but will
bring down high lakhs God hates her
against and there are some religions one
in particular that tells their people
their had their adherents you're the
best of mankind and they operate with an
arrogance high and mighty and God hates
it he hates it he says he's going to
save the people that are afflicted those
who mourn the the meek and the poor but
he's gonna bring down high lakhs and in
proverbs 6 he says these 6 things does
the Lord hate yes seven are an
abomination unto Him and then he lists
the seven things what's the very first
thing that God hates it's pride pride is
of the devil and when people are walking
around feeling like they're really
something special this comes from the
devil the people of God are humble
they're humble they don't they don't
have they don't think of themselves as
something more than they ought to
everything is like there but for the
grace of God go I and they're humble
because God hates a proud look in verse
28 he goes on for you will light my
candle the Lord my God will enlighten my
darkness again this this whole hearted
dependence on God but it's God that
gives us light we don't generate our own
light God's the one who guides us and he
says you will light my candle the Lord
my god you get the sense of the intimacy
that David has with God this is my God
the Lord my God will enlighten my
darkness for by you
I have run through a troop and by my god
I have leaked over a wall again you know
we live life forward but we learn
looking backward and he's looking back
over all of these campaigns and these

conquests
these battles and he's realizing it's by
God that I've had this success and
whatever success we've had in life I
hope we attribute it to God's blessing
and God's grace God's loving-kindness as
Cosette is loving kindness towards us he
says as for God his way is perfect the
word of the Lord is tried he is a
buckler or a shield to all those that
put trust in him so there is it not just
me all of us within Israel who put our
trust in the God of Israel he will
shield us this is who he is his way is
perfect and His Word has tried David is
saying you can trust the Word of God and
we live in a time now where the Word of
God is becoming illegal the Word of God
is hated it's spat upon it's to be
thrown into the dustbin and David is
saying don't do that don't follow these
liars don't follow these haters because
the Word of God has been tried and it's
true so hold on to it and and you can
put your trust in the God of Israel by
reading his word and knowing it's
ironclad it cannot be broken and so you
can trust him so we now moved to the
fourth part of the song where he now
declares victory and again ducking I
just always as I go through these Psalms
I just hear these trumpet blasts and
victories just uplift the congregation
and to get them ready to sing this next
movement in the song and to really sing
with joy and exaltation
he says for who is God there is no other
God who is God except the Lord so
whatever people all these gods that
David vanquished the God of Ammon and
the god of Moab and the god of the
Philistines and the god of of the
Amalekites all of them thought their God
was something and David just

vanquish them all because there is no
God except Elohim Yahweh Jehovah yah
this is the God so these are God this
nonsense this manatee that people are
claiming their God is something when
their God is absolutely rubbish he's
actually for some is just the devil
they've been completely seduced and
deceived and they think it's God there
is no God except God the true God the
God of Israel the creator of the
universe for who is God except the Lord
who is God except Yahweh and who is a
rock save our God there's the only one
that's a movable is God that when he
speaks nobody can frustrate his counsel
nobody can frustrate his word and this
is where we remember when we were in saw
and sorry in Isaiah when the prophet
said and I love this passage in in
chapter 41 when when God challenges that
the people their gods and he says
produce your cause so you're acting and
doing all of this evil in the name of
your God come and explain yourself
produce your cause says the Lord bring
forth your strong reasons God says I'd
like to hear this all of this slaughter
that you're engaged in how do you
justify it let's hear your reasons bring
forth your strong reasons says the king
of Jacob this universe which is so
massive 93 billion light years a
Lightyear is nine point five trillion
kilometers 93 billion light years from
one end to the other this is the king of
Jacob that created this universe so
let's hear what you have to say with
your false gods and all of this
slaughter that you're engaged in let's
hear how you justify it and he says
bring forth your strong reasons says the
king of Jacob let them bring forth and
show us what shall happen and this is

how we reconcile with the scientists
massive size of this universe with the
fact that the Creator is the king of
Jacob well how do you know it's the king
but how could that be
how could human beings be so important
yeah it's gets puzzling what is man that
you're mindful of him but the proof that
we have the power of the Holy Bible over
any other God's words is prophecy this
is the only book that can predict the
future because it's the only God that
can speak and nobody can frustrate his
word so let them bring forth what they
have let's read your scripture what do
you what have you got
show us we'll give you all the time in
the world tell us what you've got and it
better be good because you've
slaughtered a lot of people it better be
good
you better have justification show us
what shall happen if you are truly a God
predict the future for us because the
Bible does that Yahweh does that let
them show the former things so show us
what happened historically what they be
that we may consider them so let's show
us fulfilled prophecy show us what
happened historically and how you
predicted it that we may consider them
and know the latter end of them where's
all this going or declare us things to
come so we want to see fulfilled
prophecy and we want to see the
declaration of what's coming and
fulfilled prophecy that to show us that
you predicted and these things that you
predicted historically have actually
happened that's going to give you
credibility well why are you going to go
further than that God says in addition
to showing us fulfilled prophecy we want
you to predict

it's gonna next happen tell us what's
gonna happen because this is what God
does and that we can know the latter
where is all this leading or declare us
things for to come show the things that
are to come here after that we may know
that you really are gods you have this
ability to say this is gonna happen
because I'm gonna make it happen and and
nobody can stop me we want to see that
if you're a god yes do good or do evil
that we may be dismayed and be hold it
together
and we should be this the whole world
should be dismayed at the God of Israel
and this is why we have to understand
prophecy properly if we misinterpret
prophecy we make God a liar and God is
saying prophecy is my proof proof that I
am God the king of Jacob is the true God
is my ability to foretell the future and
the inability of anybody to prevent it
from happening and this is the challenge
that God puts forth to all the false
gods
so David continues it is God that Gertz
me with strength
David was a warrior David was powerful
David vanquished all his enemies and
looking back he's saying through all of
that it's God that strengthened me and
makes my way perfect he makes my feet
like Hinds feet I think it was Muhammad
Ali you would say float like a butterfly
sting like a bee but you know Muhammad
all he was I'm the greatest I'm the
greatest David is saying man I've got
this ability I'm so agile I float like a
butterfly sting like a bee and it's God
that gives me this ability you know we
used to live in the country and we would
see deer and and when the deer were
frightened just out of nowhere they
would just leap over a high fence just

have this ability this agility and David is saying I have this ability and it's God that gave me that ability and sets me upon high places so he can be in these high vantage points in and be able to conquer his enemies he teaches my hands to war so that a bowl of steel is broken by my arms so David is was a warrior a man of war and this is in fact why he couldn't build the temple as a son would do it for him but God is the one that gave him that ability we today we are not men of war we're not gonna kill anybody but we are involved in a spiritual war and and God teaches us how to have conquest on the spiritual realm the enemies we have are not flesh and blood but we are skilled in how to conquer them so God teaches us how to do this but he taught David how to war and he said David says so that a bow of steel is broken in my arms so here the enemies are bowmen they're their archers and David is able to conquer them and crush their weapons you have also given me the shield of your salvation so this has to be David is the king of Israel and Israel has to be established and no matter how hard the enemies try they have to be vanquished so that the king of Israel is installed and all of this is symbolic of the Messiah then even though they put the Messiah to death three days three nights later he's alive again and he's coming to be established as the king of Israel and the creator of the universe which is Jesus Christ cares very much that the earth is established in righteousness so that the father can come down on earth and earth is then gonna be the center of this massive universe you have also given me the shield of your salvation and your right

hand holds me up and your gentleness has
made me great David is just overwhelmed
but wow look at the life that I've led
and then all the sorrow and the pain and
the valley of despair that David has
been in he's looking back and he's
overwhelmed with joy and he's seeing how
David how God was with David every step
of the way
and how gentle he was with him and how
necessary it was for him to be
victorious

this is a psalm of victory victory for
Israel victory for the king of Israel
victory for the eternal plan of God you
have enlarged my steps under me and my
feet did not slip
despite the heathens agenda I have
pursued my enemy they were pursuing me
no I pursued them I have pursued my
enemies and have overtaken them and God
even does this too for us today on a
personal note we we've all been there
where we are persecuted and and we have
enemies and betrayers and then somehow
God takes care of it God takes care of
it for us

I have pursued my enemies and I've
overtaken them
neither did I turn again until they were
destroyed David wasn't a coward kept
going forward
I have wounded them that they were not
able to rise they are fallen under my
feet so david has the God of Israel to
call upon it's God that saves David
these people have nobody to save them
when you go up against the God of Israel
God he'll nobody can help you I was
gonna say God help you nobody can help
you you're against the God of Israel
you're against the counsel of the God of
Israel and David says I was in the
sorrow of death I was surrounded I was

within despair and I've wounded them
that were not that they were not able to
rise they are fallen under my feet for
you have girded me with strength unto
the battle you have so do you have
subdued under me those that rose up
against me and we see that this is the
life of the Christian even within the
faith people will rise up against them
gamesters God will subdue them and in
the end time we're going to have
betrayers and God will subdue them you
have also given me the necks of my
enemies that I might destroy them that
hate me and even you know for us as
Christian our necks may be given to the
enemies but that's temporary we're gonna
be on Thrones and our enemies are going
to be bowing down before us and so this
is the sort of the arc of this the arc
of the story we have to understand the
arc of the story actually I should say
like this the arc of the story because
we go through the valley where we come
back out the other end
they cried but there was none to save
them this is all about victory of Israel
victory of the king of Israel who cried
out and the creator of the universe his
cry came into the ear of the creator and
the creator of the universe was angry
when he heard David's cry and he moved
and and and made haste and was angry
when he came into the earth to save
David they cried but there was none to
save them and look at this this is
really interesting they cried but there
was none to save them even unto the Lord
but he answered them not so you know the
Moabites and the ammonites and the
Amalekites they're not gonna be calling
Yahweh these are the enemies within
Israel this is Saul and the camp of Saul
who believed

two people at odds both are calling on the God of Israel but only one is true the other party God's not going to hear them then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets you have delivered me from the strivings of the people you God have delivered me from the strivings of the people you have made me the head of the heathen these powerful people David is saying I'm now the head over these powerful people a people who might have not known shall serve me and this is exactly what we saw in Isaiah remember in Isaiah 49 we see here the prophecy verse 23 and Kings kings of the heathen nations shall be your nursing fathers Kings shall be your nursing fathers and their queens your nursing mothers they shall bow down to you with their face toward the earth and lick up the dust of your feet and so David saw this these Kings had to come and bow down to him and this is this is this is what's going to happen in the future you shall know and you shall know that I am the Lord the creator of the universe is the king of Jacob and he will be glorified in Jacob for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me so absolutely

David experienced a foretaste of this prophecy for Israel is real Selby established as the kingdom that that the chief kingdom on earth and David himself will be resurrected over Israel and all these kings of the earth are going to come and lick the dust in front of Israel so says the god of the universe so says the king of Jacob he shall be glorified in Israel verse 44 as soon as they hear of me David says they shall obey me David understands and he understands that he is symbolic of

Messiah that Messiah is gonna rule the whole earth and the whole earth is going to obey Him The Strangers shall submit themselves unto me and that's exactly true this is what Ezekiel saw God says to Ezekiel and David my servant shall be king over them and they all shall have one shepherd and they shall also walk in my judgments and observe my statutes and do them so David is going to be resurrected he is going to be king over Israel and stand and the nations are going to come to Israel and bow down to this Kingdom of Israel verse 45 the strangers shall fade away they're powerful now David says they're gonna fade away and be afraid out of their closed places so David is brought to a broad place they're going to be constricted and they're going to fade away the fifth section then is the conclusion of the psalm of my salvation be exalted and and again you can just imagine the nation singing this as their king is installed and there's there's peace all around and then the the nation of Israel and the Kingdom of Israel is established and they give credit to the Lord the Lord lives he's alive he's real and blessed be my rock the king is saying this is my rock but he identifies himself as the servant of God which is a higher office than King it's lest it be my rock and let the God of my salvation the God who made all of this possible let him be exalted it is God that avenges me and subdues the people under me David David is not saying look how powerful I am I'm such a skilled warrior I'm so brave and courageous look how competent I am not saying anything you know what I was afraid I was surrounded by Death and terrified

and it is God that gave me strength it
is God that gave me victory it is God
that avenged me and subdued the people
under me
long as we're in the will of God we know
guaranteed he will lift us up against
those that rise up against us you have
delivered me from the violent man so up
until now he's been speaking in the
plural
about his enemies from this violent man
and this this can be none other than saw
Kingsolver his envy who was so violent
and and and would would stop at nothing
to kill David and at every turn he was
frustrated and God delivered him from
Saul therefore will I give thanks unto
you O Lord among the heathen and sing
praises unto your name and this verse is
quoted by Paul enrolments to show that
this is in fact is a messianic Psalm
that as much as it relates to David and
the journey that David has has gone
through business this you know Vista
vicissitudes up and down and the
different enemies and vanquishing them
that as much as it applies to David it
is symbolic of the Messiah and Paul
quotes it in Romans 15 verse 9 and says
and that the Gentiles might glorify God
for his mercy as it is written in Psalm
18 for this cause I will confess you
among the Gentiles and the sing unto
your name and so he is quoting here from
this among the heathen and sing praises
verse 49 that I whole Lord therefore
will give thanks unto your Lord among
the heathen and sing praises unto your
name and this is what definitely the
Apostle Paul applies to Christ in
quoting it in Romans concluding now
Psalm 18 50 versus the poet is so
overwhelmed with gratitude with joy with
a sense of all that he goes on for 50

verses just praising and extolling God and explaining to the nation what he went through to become their king and he ends with

great deliverance gives he to his king and certainly resurrecting Christ from the dead great deliverance gives he to his King and shows mercy to his anointed to David and to his seed

so the promises to the seed for eternity to David in to his seed for ever more of a beautiful song there's so much as a treasure here in these Psalms and just to understand and and to tap into David's emotions easy he's dead he's buried he's in the grave he will live again but he lives through these Psalms that he penned and we just get a sense of this intimate relationship that he had with God and a sense of the deep joy he had despite all the sorrow that he went through and this is sort of the arc of the story in Psalms and we need this because we all have our different trials and tribulations and certainly collectively were we are forewarned and we are seeing it today how ugly the world is going to become I heard a saying I think it's by forget rather say his name Debbie etske is a philosopher author and he said without God all things are possible and it's quite a profound saying what he's actually saying is without God there's no limit to the evil that man can do and and we're seeing complete disregard for Christ and the Western nations have abandoned Christ

watch out great evil is coming upon the land and these Psalms are going to fortify us they're going to give us insight they're going to give us foresight and they're going to give us strength God has given us everything we

need is a faithful God praise be to
Jesus the Church of God International
would like to introduce the
new app design
[Music]
don't worry now
[Music]