

November 27, 2005
Shepherd's Community Church
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Psalm 18

“Royal Thanksgiving – Part Three”

INTRO:

A. Yahweh, the Rock of Israel (1-3)

B. Affliction (4-6)

C. The Lord's Coming to Help (7-15)

D. The Lord's Deliverance (16-19)

E. God's Faithfulness to the Faithful (20-29)

D. The Divine Perfections (30-36)

C. The King's Victory Over the Enemies (37-42)

B. The Glorious Deliverance (43-45)

A. Yahweh, the Rock of Israel (46-50)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why does David begin and end this Psalm with a discussion of God's character and attributes? How can a proper understanding of those truths help you in times of crisis?
2. In Gen. 3:1-7 the serpent deceives Eve and leads her to sin against God. What is his strategy? Who specifically does he attack? How does he do it? (See also 2 Cor. 11:3) How does this relate to question 1 above?
3. When David's situation appeared to be impossible he called upon the Lord and was delivered. Read 2 Cor. 4:7-18. Why does God allow us to get into those seemingly impossible situations? What are the benefits to us? What are the benefits to others?
4. In v. 20-24 is David boasting? If not, what is he saying and how might it apply to us?
5. David gives the credit to God for his godly lifestyle and military victories. Why is it that David appears to be doing the work but God gets the credit? What did David understand to be going on behind the scenes? (See v. 28-29, 32-36, 39-41, 43, 47-48, 50) Where have you seen God at work "behind the scenes" in your life? What are some practical ways we can remind ourselves of these truths when we are out in the "real" world?
6. In v. 49 David says that he will give thanks to the LORD among the nations and sing praises to His name. What are some practical ways that we can do that? How can we show the nations that the LORD is God and worthy to be thanked and praised?