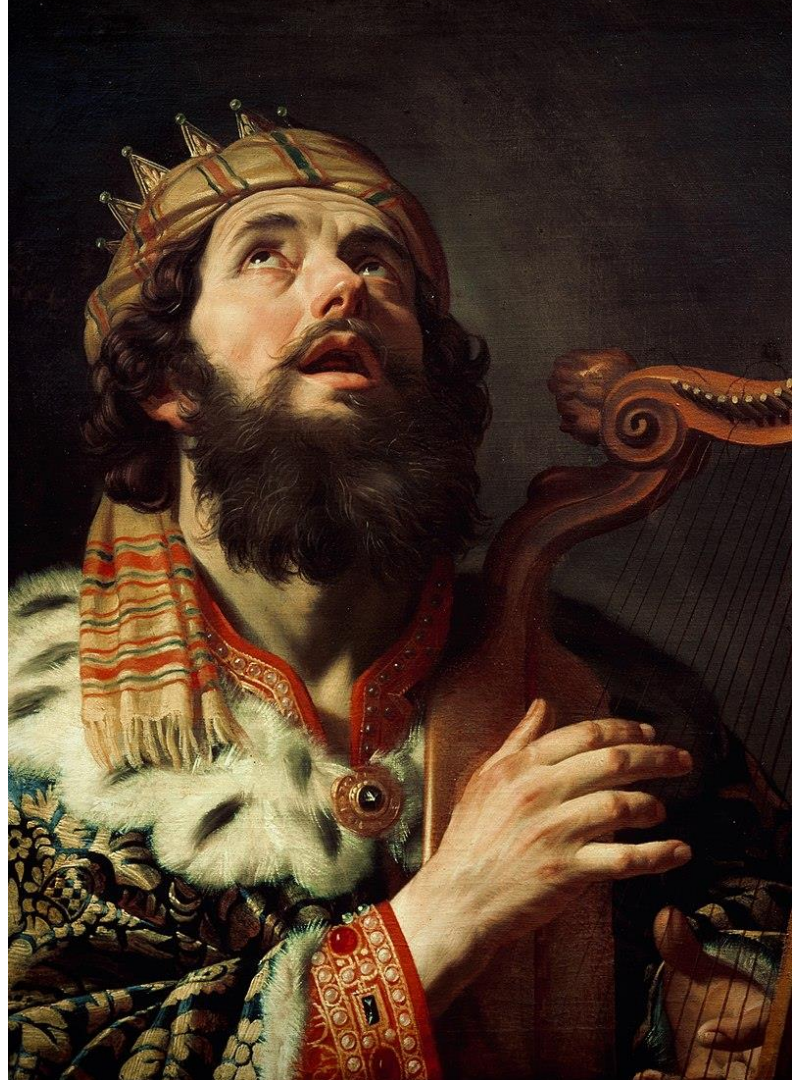


# David's Song (2)

Sunday 1-26-2025



## Previous Lesson - 2 Samuel 22

- We looked at the beginning and end of this psalm as it points to the coming of the Messiah.
- We looked at Moses song of deliverance ending in, The LORD shall reign forever and ever." (Exodus 15)
- We looked at Hannah's song of praise for Samuel as she looked forward to the coming King, "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed." (1 Samuel 2)
- We looked at the songs of Zachariah, Elizabeth, Mary, Simeon and Anna as they spoke of the coming of Jesus.
- We will look at David's Song or Psalm (2 Samuel 22 and Psalm 18) in light of the coming of the Messiah.

# McDonald's notes on "David's Thanksgiving Psalm "(2 Samuel 22).

- With **the words of this song David** praises **the LORD** for deliverance from his **enemies** and for the innumerable blessings which had been showered upon him. It was probably penned after David had firmly established himself on the throne. Saul was dead, the kingdom was united under his leadership, and Israel's foes were beaten back. The words are found, with some variations, in [Psalm 18](#) and are quoted in the NT as applying to the Messiah ([v. 3](#), "in whom I will trust," cf. [Heb. 2:13](#); [v. 50](#), cf. [Rom. 15:9](#)). Looking at it as a Messianic psalm, we may outline it as follows:
  - 1. Praise to God for hearing and answering prayer ([vv. 2-4](#))
  - 2. Death closing in on the Savior ([vv. 5-7](#)).
  - 3. God warring against the hosts of hell as they seek unsuccessfully to prevent the resurrection ([vv. 8-20](#)).
  - 4. Reasons why God raised Messiah from the dead ([vv. 21-30](#)).
  - 5. The Messiah's Second Advent, in which He destroys His enemies ([vv. 31-43](#)).
  - 6. The glorious kingdom of the Messiah ([vv. 44-51](#)).
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# 1. Praise to God for hearing and answering prayer ([vv. 2-4](#))

- **2 Samuel 22:1-4 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

<sup>2</sup> And he said: "The LORD *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

<sup>3</sup> The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence.

<sup>4</sup> I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

- **Psalm 18:1-3 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

- [18:1-3](#) The song opens with praise to **the LORD** for hearing and answering the prayers of His beloved Son. Notice the figures of speech that are used to describe the **strength**, safety, security, and **salvation** that are found in **God: my strength... my rock... my fortress... my deliverer... my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

- The Lord is spoken of in a very personal way, ..**my** rock .. **my** fortress .. **my** deliverer.. **My** God .. **my** strength.. **My** shield .. the horn of **my** salvation.. **my** stronghold.

- **Matthew 14:23 (NKJV)** And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

- **Luke 6:12 (NKJV)** Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

## 2. Death closing in on the Savior ([vv. 5-7](#)).

- **2 Samuel 22:5-7 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> "When the waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

<sup>6</sup> The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

<sup>7</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry *entered* His ears.

- **Psalms 18:4-6 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

<sup>5</sup> The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

<sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.

- [18:4-6](#) **Death** is rapidly closing in on the suffering Savior. In quickly changing pictures, He describes Himself as being bound with ropes, being gradually overwhelmed with waves, being entangled by cords, and being confronted with a host of inescapable **snare**s. In such a desperate situation, there is only one resource: prayer to **God**. Christ did not ask to be delivered from dying; that, after all, was His purpose in coming into the world ([John 12:27](#)). What He requested was to be delivered out of death. "Who in the days of His flesh, having offered up both supplications and entreaties to Him who was able to save Him out of death, with strong crying and tears..." ([Heb. 5:7](#), JND).
- **In** His deep **distress** Christ had the assurance that His prayer was heard and answered. The rest of the Psalm reveals how Immanuel's plaintive cries from Gethsemane and Golgotha mobilized all the forces of Omnipotence on His behalf. "The voice is thin and solitary," wrote F. B. Meyer, "but the answer shakes creation."

- **Jesus' agony as he anticipates the cross.** In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God. Psalms 18:6
- **Matthew 26:39 (NKJV) Jesus' prayer in the garden,**  
He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*."
- **Mark 14:36 (NKJV)** And He said, "**Abba**, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will*."
- **Luke 22:42-44 (NKJV)** "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."  
<sup>43</sup> Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.  
<sup>44</sup> And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.



# The Crucifixion

- **2 Samuel 22:8-10 (NKJV) God's wrath poured out on Christ for our sin**

<sup>8</sup> "Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.

<sup>9</sup> Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

<sup>10</sup> He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.

- **Psalms 18:7-9 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.

<sup>8</sup> Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

<sup>9</sup> He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.

## Hymn 137 LF

3 Jehovah lifted up His rod —

O Christ, it fell on Thee!

Thou wast forsaken of Thy God;

No distance now for me.

Thy blood beneath that rod has flowed:

Thy bruising healeth me.

4 The tempest's awful voice was heard,

O Christ, it broke on Thee;

Thy open bosom was my ward;

It bore the storm for me.

Thy form was scarred, Thy visage marred;

Now cloudless peace for me.

- **Matthew 27:45-51 (NKJV)** Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*" And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,
- **Luke 23:44-46 (NKJV)** Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, '*into Your hands I commit My spirit.*' " Having said this, He breathed His last.
- **John 19:28-30 (NKJV)** After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

3. God warring against the hosts of hell as they seek unsuccessfully to prevent the resurrection ([vv. 8-20](#)).

- **2 Samuel 22:8-20 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> "Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.

<sup>9</sup> Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

<sup>10</sup> He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.

<sup>11</sup> He rode upon a cherub, and flew; And He was seen upon the wings of the wind.

<sup>12</sup> He made darkness canopies around Him, Dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.

<sup>13</sup> From the brightness before Him Coals of fire were kindled.

- 14 "The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice.  
15 He sent out arrows and scattered them; Lightning bolts, and He vanquished them.  
16 Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered, At the rebuke of the LORD, At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.  
17 "He sent from above, He took me, He drew me out of many waters.  
18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me; For they were too strong for me.  
19 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support.  
20 He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

- **Psalm 18:7-15 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.

<sup>8</sup> Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

<sup>9</sup> He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.

<sup>10</sup> And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.

<sup>11</sup> He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him *was* dark waters *And* thick clouds of the skies.

<sup>12</sup> From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.

<sup>14</sup> He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them.

- - <sup>15</sup> Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.
- [18:7-15](#) When you come to verses [7-19](#), it sounds as if a war has broken out. And that is exactly what happened at the Resurrection of Christ. The battle was between God and the hosts of hell. Satan and all his demons encamped at the tomb outside Jerusalem, determined that the Lord Christ would never rise again. Their success in having the Son of God crucified would be completely nullified if He were to rise from the dead. So they massed themselves at the sealed tomb of the Savior.

- Then God lowered the heavens and came down in the greatest display of power the world has ever known. The Apostle Paul later spoke of it as "the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead" ([Eph. 1:19, 20](#)). Greater than the might that created the universe, greater than the strength that delivered Israel from Egypt, God's resurrection power drove back the hosts of principalities, powers, and wicked spirits on that first Easter morning.
- At the approach of God **the earth** is convulsed. His rage is fierce, pictured by **smoke** billowing forth **from His nostrils**, intense **fire** issuing in torrents **from His mouth**, and great **coals** of flame hurtling against His enemies. As He descends, riding upon a cloud that resembles a **cherub**, the world is shaken by a violent storm of **darkness**, thunder, **lightnings** and **hailstones** pummeling the enemy in a massive bombing attack. Just as in the crossing of the Red Sea, the waters of the sea and rivers recoil in fear at the titanic display of the wrath of the Almighty.



- **Psalm 18:16-19 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

<sup>17</sup> He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me.

<sup>18</sup> They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support.

<sup>19</sup> He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

- [18:16-19](#) In striking symbolism God smashes, bruises, crushes, wounds and maims the foe until he retreats in utter defeat. Then He reaches down and takes Christ from the still-sealed tomb. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Not only does God raise Him from the dead but He gives Him a triumphant ascension through the enemy's realm and glorifies Him at His own right hand. Thus, as Paul says, "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it" ([Col. 2:15](#)).

#### 4. Reasons why God raised Messiah from the dead ([vv. 21-30](#)).

- **2 Samuel 22:21-30 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> "The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;  
According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.

<sup>22</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly  
departed from my God.

<sup>23</sup> For all His judgments *were* before me; And *as for* His statutes, I  
did not depart from them.

<sup>24</sup> I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my  
iniquity.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my  
righteousness, According to my cleanness in His eyes. <sup>26</sup> "With the  
merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You  
will show Yourself blameless;

<sup>27</sup> With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious  
You will show Yourself shrewd.

- <sup>28</sup> You will save the humble people; But Your eyes *are* on the haughty, *that* You may bring *them* down.  
<sup>29</sup> "For You *are* my lamp, O LORD; The LORD shall enlighten my darkness.  
<sup>30</sup> For by You I can run against a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>31</sup> *As for* God, His way *is* perfect; The word of the LORD *is* proven; He *is* a shield to all who trust in Him.
- **Psalm 18:20-30 (NKJV)**  
<sup>20</sup> The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.  
<sup>21</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.  
<sup>22</sup> For all His judgments *were* before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me.  
<sup>23</sup> I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.

- <sup>24</sup> Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.  
<sup>25</sup> With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;  
<sup>26</sup> With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.  
<sup>27</sup> For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.  
<sup>28</sup> For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.  
<sup>29</sup> For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>30</sup> *As for* God, His way *is* perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He *is* a shield to all who trust in Him.

- [18:20-30](#) Here we have the rationale or mystique of the Resurrection. There was a certain moral necessity for God to raise the Lord Jesus. This necessity arose from Christ's sinless, spotless life, from His undeviating devotion to the will of His Father, and from the perfection of His work at Calvary's cross. All the righteous attributes of God demanded that He bring the Savior up from the grave in the power of an endless life. This is what is meant by the majestic utterance, "Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father" ([Rom. 6:4](#)). The glorious character of God made the Resurrection a moral necessity, the reward of Christ's perfect, personal righteousness.
- While David did write verses [20-30](#), they are really not completely true of him. Instead, he was speaking prophetically through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit about the One who would be both his Son and his Lord ([Matt. 22:41-46](#)).

## 5. The Messiah's Second Advent, in which He destroys His enemies

- **2 Samuel 22:31-43 (NKJV)**

<sup>32</sup> "For who *is* God, except the LORD? And who *is* a rock, except our God?

<sup>33</sup> God *is* my strength *and* power, And He makes my way perfect.

<sup>34</sup> He makes my feet like the *feet* of deer, And sets me on my high places.

<sup>35</sup> He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

<sup>36</sup> "You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great.

<sup>37</sup> You enlarged my path under me; So my feet did not slip.

<sup>38</sup> "I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.

<sup>39</sup> And I have destroyed them and wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet.

- <sup>40</sup> For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me.
- <sup>41</sup> You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me.  
<sup>42</sup> They looked, but *there was* none to save; *Even* to the LORD, but He did not answer them.  
<sup>43</sup> Then I beat them as fine as the dust of the earth; I trod them like dirt in the streets, *And* I spread them out.
- **Psalm 18:31-42 (NKJV)**  
<sup>31</sup> For who *is* God, except the LORD? And who *is* a rock, except our God?  
<sup>32</sup> *It is* God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.  
<sup>33</sup> He makes my feet like the *feet of* deer, And sets me on my high places.  
<sup>34</sup> He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

- 35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.  
36 You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.  
37 I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.  
38 I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet.  
39 For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.  
40 You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me.  
41 They cried out, but *there was* none to save; *Even* to the LORD, but He did not answer them.  
42 Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.



- [18:31-42](#) These verses describe Christ's Second Advent. He will come from heaven "with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" ([2 Thess. 1:7, 8](#)). He will be "clothed with a robe dipped in blood... out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations... He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" ([Rev. 19:13, 15](#)).
- Christ is pictured primarily as a Man of war here. This is consistent with the other Scriptures that teach that when He comes back to earth, He will come first of all "to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him" ([Jude v. 15](#)).
- After being equipped for war by **God** the Father ([vv. 31-37](#)), Christ pursues and utterly destroys His **enemies** ([vv. 37-42](#)).

## 6. The glorious kingdom of the Messiah ([vv. 44-51](#)).

- **2 Samuel 22:44-51 (NKJV)**

<sup>44</sup> "You have also delivered me from the strivings of my people; You have kept me as the head of the nations. A people I have not known shall serve me.

<sup>45</sup> The foreigners submit to me; As soon as they hear, they obey me.

<sup>46</sup> The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

<sup>47</sup> "The LORD lives! Blessed *be* my Rock! Let God be exalted, The Rock of my salvation! <sup>48</sup> *It is* God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me;

<sup>49</sup> He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.

<sup>50</sup> Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name.

<sup>51</sup> "*He is* the tower of salvation to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore."

- **Psalm 18:43-45 (NKJV)**

<sup>43</sup> You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; A people I have not known shall serve me.

<sup>44</sup> As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me.

<sup>45</sup> The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

- [18:43-45](#) Following the crushing of His foes, Christ sets up His kingdom on earth and reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords. He is now the **head of all the nations** on earth. Both redeemed Israel and redeemed Gentiles serve in willing submission to the righteous rule of the glorified Christ. **Foreigners** yield feigned obedience.

- **Psalm 18:46-50 (NKJV)**

<sup>46</sup> The LORD lives! Blessed *be* my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

<sup>47</sup> *It is* God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me;

<sup>48</sup> He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.

<sup>49</sup> Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name.

<sup>50</sup> Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

- [18:46-50](#) The Psalm closes as it began—with a hymn of praise to **God** for His wonderful vindication of the Lord Jesus. He has given **great** victories to **His king**, and shown **mercy to His anointed**, His Son.

- Because of what He has done, we too should extol Him **among the Gentiles, and sing praises to His Name**. Believer's Bible Commentary