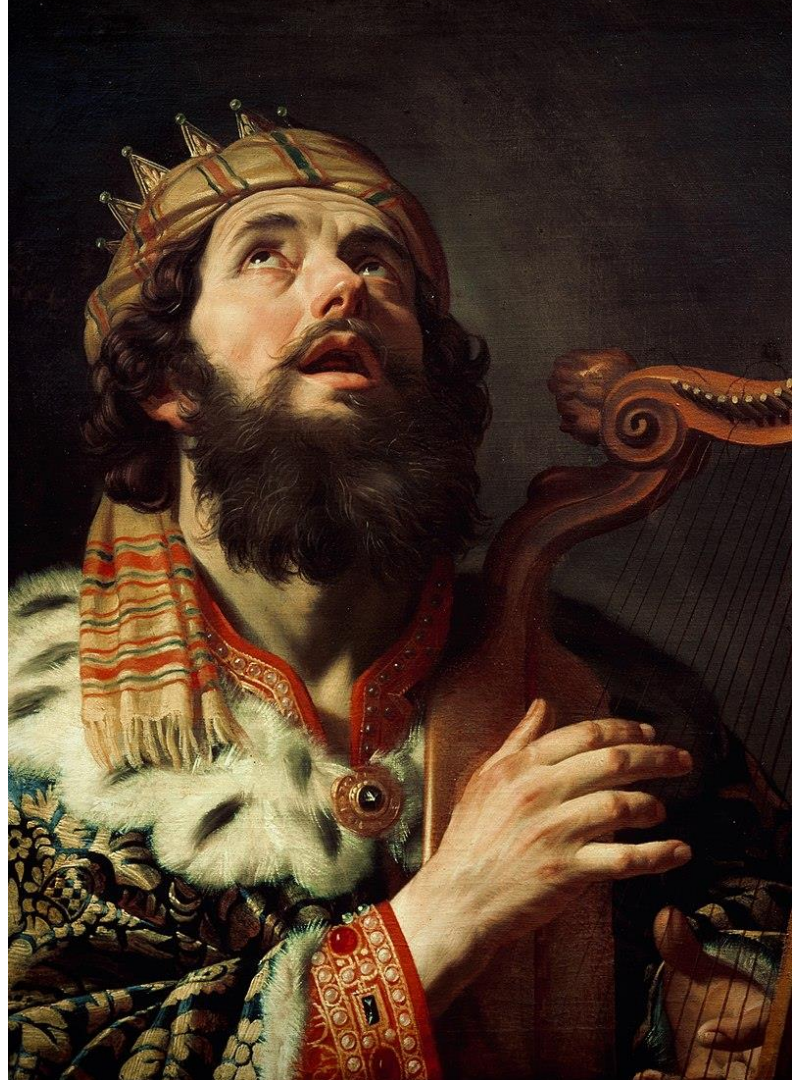


David's Song (2)

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](#)).
- Believer's Bible Commentary

1. Praise to God for hearing and answering prayer ([vv. 2-4](#))

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

¹ 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.

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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)**
 - ¹ I will love You, O LORD, my strength.
 - ² 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.
 - ³ 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)**

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

⁶ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

⁷ 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)**

⁴ The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

⁵ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

⁶ 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."
⁴³ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.
⁴⁴ 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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁹ 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)**

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

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

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

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

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

¹³ 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)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- [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)**

¹⁶ He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

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

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

¹⁹ 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](#)).

Review

- **1.** Praise to God for hearing and answering prayer ([vv. 2-4](#)).
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Death is rapidly closing in on the suffering Savior. **Jesus' agony as he anticipates the cross.** In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God. Psalms 18:6
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- **2A.** The Crucifixion - 2 Samuel 22:8-10 (NKJV)
God's wrath poured out on Christ for our sin "Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken,
- **3.** God warring against the hosts of hell as they seek unsuccessfully to prevent the resurrection ([vv. 8-20](#)). 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.

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

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

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

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

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

²⁴ I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my
iniquity.

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

²⁷ With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious
You will show Yourself shrewd.

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

- ²⁴ Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.
²⁵ With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;
²⁶ With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.
²⁷ For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.
²⁸ For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.
²⁹ For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall.
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- [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.
- **Romans 6:4-5 (NKJV) newness of life**
 - ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
 - ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection,

- **Acts 2:24-28 (NKJV) saw no corruption**
 - ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.
 - ²⁵ For David says concerning Him: *'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.*
 - ²⁶ *Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.*
 - ²⁷ *For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*
 - ²⁸ *You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'*

- **Ephesians 1:18-23 (NKJV) He is head**

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

²² And He put all *things* under His feet, and *gave Him to be head over all things to the church,*

²³ *which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

- **1 Corinthians 15:16-22 (NKJV) all made alive in Christ**

¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

- **1 Peter 1:3-5 (NKJV) a living hope**

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- 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](#)).

- **Matthew 22:41-46 (NIV)**

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

⁴² "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

⁴⁴ "'The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" (Psalm 101:1)

⁴⁵ If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"

⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

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

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

³³ God *is* my strength *and* power, And He makes my way perfect.

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

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

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

³⁷ You enlarged my path under me; So my feet did not slip.

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

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

- ⁴⁰ For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me.
- ⁴¹ You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me.
⁴² They looked, but *there was* none to save; *Even* to the LORD, but He did not answer them.
⁴³ 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)**
³¹ For who *is* God, except the LORD? And who *is* a rock, except our God?
³² *It is* God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.
³³ He makes my feet like the *feet of* deer, And sets me on my high places.
³⁴ 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](#)).
- **2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 (NKJV)**
 - ⁶ since *it is* a righteous thing with God ...
 - ⁷ ... to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,
 - ⁸ 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.
 - ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
 - ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

- 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 v14-15) Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 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." The prediction will have a preliminary and partial fulfillment when the Lord Jesus returns to earth after the Tribulation to destroy His foes and to reign as King. It will have its complete and final fulfillment at the end of the Millennium when the wicked dead are judged at the Great White Throne.
- 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)**

⁴⁴ "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.

⁴⁵ The foreigners submit to me; As soon as they hear, they obey me.

⁴⁶ The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

(BBC splits this section in Psalm 18 to ending praise)

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

⁴⁹ 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.

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

⁵¹ "*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)**

⁴³ 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.

⁴⁴ As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me.

⁴⁵ 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.

- **Isaiah 2:3-4 (NKJV) learning God's ways in peace**

³ Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

- **Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV) His kingdom forever**

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- **Isaiah 11:1-10 (NKJV) His glorious reign**

¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

⁶ "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.

-⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."
- **Isaiah 32:1-20 (NKJV) Dwelling in peace**
¹ Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, And princes will rule with justice.
¹⁵ Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.
¹⁶ Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness remain in the fruitful field.
¹⁷ The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.
¹⁸ My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places,

- **Revelation 21:1-5 (NKJV) New Heaven and Earth**

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

- **Psalm 18:46-50 (NKJV) (2 Samuel 22:47-51)**

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

⁴⁷ *It is* God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me;

⁴⁸ 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.

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

⁵⁰ 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