

THE LIGHT AND STRENGTH STRAND

Psalm 18:28-30

REVIEW OF PSALM 18 THUS FAR

1. The Psalmist declaration of love for the Lord strand
 - a. The Lord's demonstration of love
 - b. The Psalmist seeking to love the Lord more
2. The Lord's deliverance strand - Personal part
 - a. David cry for help
 - b. The Lord responding to help
3. The principle of reciprocity strand - Practical part
 - a. Living in righteousness
 - b. Choosing not to be unrighteous
 - c. The Lord will reciprocate as a sign of approval

GOD AS THE SOURCE AND PROVISION OF LIGHT AGAINST DARKNESS

"For You will light my lamp;
The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness." Psalm 18:28

1. The imagery of the lamp
2. Darkness can fill the soul
3. God as the eternal source of light
4. God can enlighten and overcome our darkness

BY GOD AND HIS STRENGTH

"For by You I can run against a troop,
By my God I can leap over a wall." Psalm 18:29

1. Light and strength go together
 - a. God had already ordained strength within us at birth Psalm 8:2
 - b. We can find both spiritual and physical strength from the Lord
2. By God
 - a. By God, we can find strength
 - b. Finding courage to run against a troop
 - c. Overcoming challenging obstacles

THE RESULTS OF HAVING GOD AS LIGHT AND STRENGTH - SEEING TRUTHS OF GOD

1. Seeing God's way is perfect

"As for God, His way is perfect;..." Psalm 18:30

- a. There is nothing imperfect about God's way
- b. His way is always right and true

2. Seeing God's word is proven

"The word of the Lord is proven;..." Psalm 18:30

- a. The word of God and its promises are steadfast
- b. His words are pure / refined words Psalm 12:6-7
 - i. It is purified seven times
 - ii. He will keep them and preserve them forever

3. Seeing God as a solid shield

"He is a shield to all who trust in Him." Psalm 18:30

- a. Those who trust in Him
- b. The Lord would be a shield to him

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- 1. Dispelling the darkness within us by seeking God's light
- 2. Depending on the Lord's grace and strength
- 3. Determination

"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?" Deut. 10:12-13

- a. To fear the Lord your God
- b. To walk in all His ways
- c. To love Him
- d. To serve Him with all your heart and all your soul
- e. To keep all the commandments of your God