

Review

1. A love for God

- a) In appreciation of all that He is... rock, fortress etc
- b) Pleading to the Lord in faith

2. The principle of reciprocity

- a) To understand the principle of reciprocity
- b) Challenged to live righteously
- c) To appreciate the reward of being righteous

The involvement of God

1. David's reasons for the need for God's involvement in his life

- a) Make all the difference
- b) Unable to deal with challenges on his own
- c) A stronger faith in God
- d) A greater depth of love and relationship with God

2. Enlightenment

- a) God as the source of light
"For You will light my lamp" Ps 18:28
- b) Enlightens us
"The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness." Ps 18:28
- c) Cf. Ps 13:3 Praying for enlightenment
"Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes,"
- d) Cf. Ps 19:8 The commandment of the Lord
"The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes"

e) Cf. Eph 1:17-18 Paul's prayer for enlightenment
"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 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,"

2. Courage and strength

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

- a) By means of the help of God
- b) David had to face enemy troops in battle
- c) He found the strength to overcome
- d) The involvement of God's help provided the courage and strength to overcome

3. David's appreciation of God

- a) God's way is perfect
"As for God, His way *is* perfect; Ps 18:30
- b) His word is proven
"The word of the LORD is proven;" Ps 18:30
- c) God is a shield
"He *is* a shield to all who trust in Him. Ps 18:30

Lessons learned

1. Recognise the need to involve God in our lives, as He makes all the difference

2. Challenge to look to the Lord for

- a) His enlightenment to dispel darkness
- b) His courage and strength to overcome challenges

3. To appreciate and have a greater faith in God

- a) His perfect ways
- b) His proven word
- c) His protection as our shield