

THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD

Psalm 18:31-36

REVIEW OF PSALM 18 THUS FAR

1. Declaration of love for the Lord
2. Deliverance from God
3. Principle of reciprocity
 - a. Living righteously
 - b. Rejecting unrighteousness
4. Light and strength

EXALTING THE LORD GOD AS ROCK

“For who *is* God, except the Lord?

And who *is* a rock, except our God?” Psalm 18:31

1. David had declared that the Lord is his rock Psalm 18:2
2. God had demonstrated that He is truly rock
3. The Lord God Almighty stands alone as God

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1. God’s gentleness

“Your gentleness has made me great.” Psalm 18:36

- a. God’s gentleness
- b. God had been gently leading and blessing David
- c. The Lord’s gentle protection and upholding

“You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;

Your right hand has held me up,...” Psalm 18:35

- i. The shield of salvation
- ii. The Lord’s gentle upholding
- d. God gently enlarging one’s path

“You enlarged my path under me, so my feet did not slip.” Psalm 18:36

2. God’s strength
 - a. God’s strength and leading

“*It is* God who arms me with strength,

and makes my way perfect.” Psalm 18:32

- i. God's armed David with strength for battles
 - ii. At the same time, He also made his way perfect
- b. God's enabling and honouring

"He makes my feet like the *feet of deer*,
And sets me on my high places." Psalm 18:33

- i. God will enable us to walk like deer's feet
 - ii. The Lord set David in his high places / place of honour
- c. God teaching skills and giving strength to fight in war

"He teaches my hands to make war,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze." Psalm 18:34

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Deeply Appreciating God
 - a. The strength of God
 - b. The gentleness of God
2. Trusting in the Lord's blessings
 - a. Strengthening us and making our way perfect
 - b. Enabling us to walk with certainty and be honoured
 - c. Teaching us skills to succeed in life
 - d. Protecting us
 - e. Upholding us
 - f. Giving us relief in times of challenges
3. Ascribing greatness to God as our only rock
 - a. No other God
 - b. No other rock