

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

3. Light and strength

- a) Challenge to look to the Lord for His enlightenment to dispel darkness
- b) To seek His courage and strength to overcome challenges
- c) To appreciate God and have a greater faith in Him

Extolling our great God

“For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?” Ps 18:31

1. The use of rhetorical questions

2. David’s way of extolling the Lord

Reasons for extolling the Lord... His blessings

- 1. David had many reasons to extol the Lord.
- 2. He personally experienced the Lord's blessings.
- 3. He highlighted some of them.
 - a) Past blessings
 - b) Present blessings

Past blessings

1. Shield of salvation

“You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;” Ps 18:35

2. Upholding

“Your right hand has held me up,” Ps 18:35

3. Gentleness

“Your gentleness has made me great.” Ps 18:35

4. Enlarged the path

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

Present blessings

1. Strength

“It is God who arms me with strength,” Ps 18:32

2. Make our way perfect

“And makes my way perfect.” Ps 18:32

3. Stable feet

“He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on my high places.” Ps 18:33

4. Skilful and strong hands

“He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.” Ps 18:34

Lessons learned

1. To extol the Lord as He is worthy

2. Inspired by the many blessings for us to extol the Lord

a) Past blessings

b) Present blessings

3. Deeply appreciate the significance of the Lord's blessings given