

Choosing Satisfaction in God Over the World

1) Description of the Wicked.

Psalms 17:10-12 They have closed up their fat *hearts*; With their mouths they speak proudly. ¹¹They have now surrounded us in our steps; They have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth, ¹²As a lion is eager to tear his prey, And like a young lion lurking in secret places. (NKJ)

2) The Plea for Protection.

Psalms 17:13 Arise, O Lord, Confront him, cast him down; Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword, (NKJ)

3) The Portion of the Worldly.

Psalms 17:14 With Your hand from men, O Lord, From men of the world *who have* their portion in *this* life, And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure. They are satisfied with children, And leave the rest of their *possession* for their babes. (NKJ)

4) The Hope of the Righteous.

Psalms 17:15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. (NKJ)

Psalms 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore. (NKJ)

Chapter 18 “The God Who Hears and Delivers”

1) A Declaration of Love and Trust.

Psalms 18:1-2 I will love You, O Lord, my strength. ²The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my ^[a]strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the ^[b]horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (NKJ)

2) A Commitment to Call.

Psalms 18:3 I will call upon the Lord, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. (NKJ)

3) A Description of Despair.

Psalms 18:4-5 The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ^[a]ungodliness made me afraid. ⁵The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. (NKJ)

4) A Cry That Reaches Heaven.

Psalms 18:6 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. (NKJ)