

2 Samuel 22: "Reversal" From the Depths to the Tower

2 Samuel 21 Review: Casting Sackcloth on the Rock

- God takes **oaths seriously**
- We cast our cares upon the Rock
- We become like those we hang out with

2 Samuel 22: Solid Footing in a Turbulent World

- "...In the world you have **tribulation**, but take courage; I have overcome the world." [John 16:33]
- **Sea: Picture of Ungodly Nations;** "hostile" toward God and His people. 80%?
- **Synopsis:** After a time of great turbulence, God sets David on solid ground [spacious place]. David praises his God
- **Intro / Conclusion** and **3 body sections**
 1. 5-20 Deliverance from mortal danger
 2. 21-30 Moral grounds for David's Divine Help
 3. 31-46 David contemplates God's Faithfulness

Introduction

- **Psalm 18:** Includes "**I love You O LORD my Strength**"

1And David spoke the words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of **all his enemies** and from the hand of Saul.

- **Written during a time** of peace for David after great tribulation
- Israel's Sweet Singer of Songs

2 He said, "The LORD is my **rock** and my **fortress** and my **deliverer**;
3My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, My **shield** and the **horn** of my salvation, my **stronghold** and my **refuge**; **My savior**, You save me from violence. 4"I call upon the LORD, who is **worthy to be praised**, And I am saved from my enemies.

- Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, Shield, Horn [strength], Stronghold, Refuge, Savior
- **Worthy to be Praised!**

SECTION 1: Deliverance from Mortal Danger

- Mortal Danger: People and the spiritual powers behind them that would seek David's demise [put on shelf or worse]

5"For the **waves of death** encompassed me; The **torrents of destruction** overwhelmed me; 6The **CORDS** of Sheol surrounded me; The **snare**s of death confronted me. 7"In my distress I called upon the LORD, Yes, I cried to my God; And **from His temple** He heard my voice, And my **cry for help came into His ears.**

- His Temple: Not build yet; **the dwelling place of God**
- **Mortal Danger:** Waves, Torrents, Cords, Snare (Saul/others)
- Unceasing, unrelenting, encompassing and binding; God listened to David's cry as He did to Jonah:

Jonah 2:1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the stomach of the fish, 2 and he said, "I called out of my distress to the LORD, And **He answered me** I cried for help from the depth of Sheol; **You heard my voice.**

- You heard my voice [Jonah], my cry came to your ears [David]
- God listens and acts on behalf of **His kids**

8"Then the earth shook and quaked, The foundations of heaven were trembling And were shaken, because He was angry. 9"Smoke went up out of His nostrils, Fire from His mouth devoured; Coals were kindled by it.10"He bowed the heavens also, and came down With thick darkness under His feet. 11"And He rode on a cherub and flew; And He appeared on the wings of the wind. 12"And He made darkness canopies around Him, A mass of waters, thick clouds of the sky. 13"From the brightness before Him Coals of fire were kindled. 14"The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice. 15"And He sent out arrows, and scattered them, Lightning, and routed them. 16"Then the channels of the sea appeared, The **foundations of the world were laid bare** By the rebuke of the LORD, At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

- **An-thro-po-morphism:** Attributing earthly or human characteristics to God to **emphasize a point** [Fire from mouth, smoke from nostrils, etc.; How the Lord feels when we are attacked and hurting and calling out to Him]

Zephaniah 3:17 "The LORD your God is in your midst, **A victorious warrior He will exult over you with joy,** He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

- **Foundations laid bare:** Red Sea; known well by the nations, but...

Jeremiah 16:14 "...behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when it will **no longer be said**, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' 15but, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For I will **restore them to their own land** which I gave to their fathers.

- Today the witness of God's power is **Israel back in the land**

17"He sent from on high, **He took me; He drew me** out of many waters. 18"**He delivered me** from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, for they were too strong for me. 19"They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support. 20"He also brought me forth into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.

- **He** took, drew, delivered, supported and rescued me...from those who would kick me when I'm down [day of my calamity; not playing fair]
- "...**too strong for me**; humility; God delighted in me [humility]
- **Brought me forth:** Broad place delivered from moral danger

SECTION 2: Moral Ground for David's Divine Help

21"The LORD has rewarded me according to **my righteousness**; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. 22"For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not acted wickedly against my God. 23"For all His ordinances were before me, And as for His statutes, I did not depart from them. 24"I was also blameless toward Him, And **I kept myself from my iniquity**. 25"Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to my cleanness before His eyes.

- **My righteousness?:** In contrast to his enemies
- I kept myself from my iniquity [owning his bent towards sin]

26"With the **kind You show Yourself kind**, With the blameless You show Yourself blameless; 27With the pure You show Yourself pure, And with the perverted You show Yourself astute. 28"And You save an afflicted people; But Your eyes are on the haughty whom You

abase.

- God reveals Himself to those who seek kindness, purity and righteousness in like manner
- To the perverted God reveals Himself as shrewd [inescapable]
- We will be what we think

Proverbs 23:7 For **as he thinks** within himself, **so he is**.

Titus 1:15 To **the pure, all things are pure**; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **dwell on these things**.

29"For You are my lamp, O LORD; And the LORD illumines **my darkness**. 30"For by You I can **run** upon a troop; By my God I can **leap** over a wall.

- Illumine "**my darkness**"; humility

119:105 Your word is a **lamp to my feet** And a light to my path.

- Running and leaping [Broad place] compared to Waves, Torrents, Cords, Snares; Unceasing, unrelenting, encompassing and binding control of his enemies
- David has put himself in a position of **knowing** God's blessing by "**keeping the ways of the LORD**" giving Moral Ground for David's Divine Help...a place of humility and dwelling on the good

James 4:6 " GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE [Draws near] **TO THE HUMBLE.**"

SECTION 3: David Contemplates God's Faithfulness

31"As for **God, His way is blameless**; The **word of the LORD is tested**; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him. 32"For who is God, besides the LORD? And who is a rock, besides our God? 33"God is my strong fortress; And He sets the blameless in His way.

- **God:** Blameless; **Word:** Tested. Israel back in the land

34"He makes my feet like **hinds' feet**, And sets me on my high places. 35"He **trains my hands for battle**, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 36"You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, And Your help makes me great.

- **Trains my hands for battle:** A short reprieve or furlough; refresh
- Stoop down to make me great
- More about sure footing:

37"You **enlarge my steps** under me, And my **feet have not slipped**. 38"I pursued my enemies and destroyed them, And I did not turn back until they were consumed. 39"And I have devoured them and shattered them, so that they did not rise; And they **fell under my feet**. 40"For You have girded me with strength for battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. 41"You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, And I destroyed those who hated me. 42"They looked, but there was none to save; Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them. 43"Then **I pulverized them as the dust of the earth; I crushed and stamped them as the mire of the streets**.

- **Military Reversal:** David now pursues; on the offensive

Mathew 16:18 "...upon this rock I will build My church; and **the gates of Hades** [hell] **will not overpower it**.

- Gates don't fight! We are on the offensive

44"You have also delivered me from the contentions of my people; You have kept me as head of the nations; A people whom I **have not known serve me**. 45"Foreigners pretend obedience to me; As soon as they hear, they obey me. 46"Foreigners lose heart, And come trembling out of their fortresses.

- More than David could have dreamed; enemies now bowing

Romans 8:31 (Read) What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who is against us?** 32He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35Who will separate us from

the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." **37But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.**

38For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- David concludes by contemplating God's Goodness/ Faithfulness

CONCLUSION:

47"The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock; And exalted be God, the rock of my salvation, 48 The God who executes vengeance for me, And brings down peoples under me, 49Who also **brings me out** from my enemies; You **even lift me above** those who rise up against me; You rescue me from the violent man.

- Brings me out, lifts me up; David's Response: Thankfulness

50" Therefore **I will give thanks to You**, O LORD, among the nations, And I will sing praises to Your name. 51"He is a **tower of deliverance** to His king, And shows loving-kindness to His anointed, To David and his descendants forever."

- **Strong Tower of deliverance; Lighthouse above the sea;** above the ungodly inc. the world system, satanic system, the **powers behind those who would enjoy our failure and defeat**

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5Who is the one who **overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**