

PSALM 18

¹ For the end, *A Psalm* of David, the servant of the Lord; *the words* which he spoke to the Lord, *even* the words of this song, in the day in which the Lord delivered him out the hand of all his enemies, and out the hand of Saul. And he said:

I will love You, O Lord, my strength.

² The Lord is my firm support, and my refuge, and my deliverer; my God is my helper, I will hope in Him; *He is* my defender, and the horn of my salvation, and my helper.

³ I will call upon the Lord with praises, and I shall be saved from my enemies. ⁴ The pangs of death compassed me, and the torrents of ungodliness troubled me exceedingly.

⁵ The pangs of hell came round about me: the snares of death prevented me.

⁶ And when I was afflicted I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: He heard my voice out of His holy temple, and my cry shall enter before Him, into His ears.

⁷ Then the earth shook and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains were disturbed, and were shaken, because God was angry with them.

⁸ There went up a smoke in His wrath, and fire burst into a flame at His presence; coals were kindled at it.

⁹ And He bowed the heaven, and came down: and thick darkness was under His feet.

¹⁰ And He rode upon a cherub and flew; He flew on the wings of the wind. ¹¹ And He made darkness His secret place; round about Him was His tabernacle, *even* dark water in the clouds of the air.

¹² At the brightness before Him the clouds passed, hail and coals of fire.

¹³ The Lord also thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice.

¹⁴ And He sent forth *His* weapons, and scattered them; and multiplied lightnings, and routed them.

¹⁵ And the springs of waters appeared, and the foundations of the world were exposed, at Your rebuke, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of Your wrath.

¹⁶ He sent from on high and took me, He drew me to Himself out of many waters.

¹⁷ He will deliver me from my mighty enemies, and from them that hate me; for they are stronger than I.

¹⁸ They prevented me in the day of my affliction: but the Lord was my support against *them*.

¹⁹ And He brought me out into a wide place; He shall deliver me, because He has pleasure in me.

²⁰ And the Lord shall recompense me according to my righteousness; *even* according to the purity of my hands shall He recompense me.

²¹ For I have kept the way of the Lord and have not wickedly departed from my God.

²² For all His judgments were before me, and His ordinances did not depart from me.

²³ And I shall be blameless before Him, and shall keep myself from my iniquity. ²⁴ And the Lord shall recompense me according to my righteousness, and according to the purity of my hands before His eyes.

²⁵ With the holy, You shall be holy; and with the blameless, You shall be blameless.

²⁶ And with the excellent, You shall be excellent; and with the perverse, You shall be shrewd.

²⁷ For You shall save the lowly people, and shall humble the eyes of the proud.

²⁸ For You, O Lord, shall light my lamp: my God, You shall lighten my darkness. ²⁹ For by You shall I be delivered from a troop; and by my God I will pass over a wall.

³⁰ As *for* my God, His way is perfect: the oracles of the Lord are tried in the fire; He is a protector of all them that hope in Him.

³¹ For who is God but the Lord? And who is a God except our God?

³² *It is* God that girds me with strength, and has made my way blameless;

³³ who strengthens my feet as hare's feet, and sets me upon high places.

³⁴ He instructs my hands for war; and You have made my arms *as* a bronze bow.

³⁵ And You have made me secure in my salvation; and Your right hand has helped me, and Your correction has upheld me to the end; yes, Your correction itself shall instruct me.

³⁶ You have made room for my goings under me, and my footsteps did not fail.

³⁷ I will pursue my enemies, and overtake them; and I will not turn back until they are consumed.

³⁸ I will dash them to pieces and they shall not be able to stand: they shall fall under my feet.

³⁹ For You have girded me with strength for war; You have beaten down under me all that rose up against me.

⁴⁰ And You has made my enemies turn their backs before me; and You have destroyed them that hated me.

⁴¹ They cried, but there was no deliverer: *even* to the Lord, but He did not listen to them.

⁴² I will grind them as the mud of the streets; and I will beat them small as dust before the wind.

⁴³ Deliver me from the strife of the people; You shall make me head of the Gentiles: a people whom I did not know served me,

⁴⁴ at the hearing of the ear they obeyed me: the foreigners lied to me.

⁴⁵ The foreigners grew old, and fell away lame from their paths.

⁴⁶ The Lord lives; and blessed *be* my God; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

⁴⁷ *It is* God that avenges me, and has subdued the nations under me;

⁴⁸ my deliverer from angry enemies; You shall set me on high above them that rise up against me; You shall deliver me from the unrighteous man. ⁴⁹ Therefore shall I confess to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing unto Your name.

⁵⁰ *God* magnifies the deliverances of His king; and deals mercifully with David His anointed, and His seed, forever.