### Psalms

## Chapter 18

To the [music] director:  
  
A Psalm by Jehovah’s servant David, which he sang to the Lord on the day that God rescued him from his enemies and from the hands of Saul.  
  
  
  
  
1O Jehovah,  
  
With all my strength, I’ll prove that I love You;  
 2For to me, You’re real, O my Lord…  
 Yes, You are my refuge and savior.  
  
My helper is God, and in Him I’ll trust…  
 He protects me and He’s my defender…  
 He’s the trumpet of my salvation.  
 3So in praise, I’ll call to Jehovah,  
 And from my enemies, I’ll be saved.  
  
4By the pangs of death, I was once surrounded…  
 I was attacked by floods of the lawless.  
 5Of the place of the dead, I was in fear,  
 And I was expecting death’s snares.  
  
6Then, in my distress, I called to my God.  
 I shouted, and He heard me, there in His Home…  
 My cries to Him reached His ears.  
  
7Then the ground trembled and shook,  
 Which disturbed the foundations of mountains,  
 As the rage of my God rumbled against them.  
  
8After that, came the smoke of His rage,  
 Along with the fire that He sent,  
 Which ignited the coals all around Him.  
  
9He leaned and came down from the heavens,  
 As darkness was under His feet.  
 10He arrived riding on cherubs,  
 With their wings spread out on the winds.  
  
11For concealment, He came in the darkness;  
 For, He was wrapped in a tent of dark fog.  
 12The radiance of His presence was covered by clouds,  
 As well as by hail and by fire.  
  
13Jehovah thundered from out of the sky,  
 And the Most High spoke with His voice.  
 14All around them, He shot His arrows,  
 And with lightning, He then filled the skies.  
  
15Then He opened the sources of water,  
 And the foundations of homes were exposed.  
 O Jehovah, this came from Your scolding…  
 From the blast of the Breath of Your rage.  
  
16Down from the heights, He arrived,  
 Then He grabbed me and took me away from the floods.  
 17From the mighty, He came down and saved me…  
 From those mighty ones who detest me.  
  
18They opposed me during bad days,  
 But Jehovah became my support.  
 19He then carried me to a [safe] place…  
 Yes, because He chose me, He saved me!  
  
20The Lord will provide my reward  
 According to the righteousness of my ways.  
 Yes, for my clean hands, He will repay me,  
 21Since I’ve kept watch on His ways…  
 Unlike the irreverent, I’ve never left God.  
  
22His decisions are now here before me,  
 And from His Laws, I’ve never departed.  
 23So flawlessly, I’ll stand here before Him,  
 As I guard against any Law breaking.  
 24Then Jehovah will repay me for my righteous ways,  
 Since His eyes have seen that I’ve kept my hands clean.  
  
25To the holy, we must always be holy,  
 And be blameless to those free from blame.  
 26Then, among the elect, we’ll be chosen…  
 But, turned away if we’re crooked.  
  
27On the humble, Your people must watch,  
 As they humble the eyes of the proud!  
  
28Light my lamp, O Jehovah my God…  
 Please, light my way in the darkness.  
 29From bands of marauders, please save me…  
 Then, by my God, I can scale any wall.  
  
30The ways of my God are all flawless,  
 And His words have been proven by fire.  
 He’s the defender of all that believe,  
 31And there’s no other God than Jehovah…  
 Who else can be compared to our God?  
  
32He’s the God who wrapped me in power,  
 And showed me ways that are flawless.  
 33He’s made my feet firm like those of a stag,  
 And He’s lifted me into the heights.  
 34He taught my hands about ways of war,  
 And He turned my arms into bows made of brass.  
  
35You’ve prepared a shield to protect me…  
 You’ve taken me in Your right hand  
 And given me all Your instructions;  
 So, with Your guidance, I can stand ‘til the end.  
  
36You’ve widened the path underneath me,  
 And You’ve given me strength.  
 37So I’ll chase my enemies and catch them,  
 And not return ‘til I’ve won.  
 38I’ll squeeze them until they’re unable to stand,  
 And at my feet, they’ve fallen.  
  
39You’ve wrapped me in the power of war…  
 You’ve bound my enemies, both hand and foot.  
 40You’ve shown me my enemy’s backs,  
 And destroyed all those who detest me.  
  
41They shouted, but no one could save them…  
 They called to their Lord, but he didn’t hear.  
 42So I’ll grind them into powder and throw them away…  
 Like dust in the squares that’s blown by the wind.  
  
43You’ll rescue me from their disputes,  
 And place me as the head over nations.  
 Unknown peoples will serve me…  
 44They’ll hear my voice and obey me.  
 And those sons of foreigners who’ve told lies  
 45Will grow old and lame in their unrighteous paths.  
  
46Jehovah lives, so may [He] be praised…  
 May [the Name] of the God who saves me be raised…  
 47The God who handles my vengeance,  
 And makes all the peoples submit.  
 48From all my enemies, He’s saved me…  
 Yes, from those who’ve attacked and opposed me.  
  
You’ve raised me above the unrighteous…  
 You’ve rushed to my aid and You’ve saved me.  
 49So, I’ll praise You before all the nations…  
 O Jehovah, I’ll strum to Your Name.  
 50For You’ve shown the ways that You can save the king…  
 You’ve shown mercy upon Your anointed…  
 To David and his offspring throughout the ages.