

# Tehillim / Psalms 18

## Psalms 18:1

- The Introductory line states this psalm was composed as a result of the Lord God Almighty delivering David from Saul and his enemies.
- The Aramaic translation states that David spoke in the spirit of prophecy of the miracles God had performed in his life.

## Questions

1. What miracles did God work in David's life?
2. How does David speak in the spirit of prophecy of miracles of God?  
- How does that work?

Psalms 18:1-3 David refers to the Lord in the following ways:

1. Strength
  2. Rock
  3. Fortress
  4. Deliverer
  5. Shield
  6. Horn of Salvation
  7. Stronghold.
- How many ways is the word Rock used in the scriptures?
- Each of these words?

## Rock - used figuratively

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Believers (1 Peter 2:4-5)

Messiah (Psalms 118:22, Isaiah 28:16, Matthew 21:42,  
Acts 4:11)

→ Daniel 2:45 the Messiah is described as  
being "cut out of the mountain."  
(mountain of the Lord)

• It seems by all the uses of the word rock, the Lord reveals to us that He has purchased us, and established us, and all of scripture direct us to Yeshua the Messiah.

- the love of the Father demonstrated through His Son.

## Psalms 18:4-6

- David says because his enemies surround him that death has bound him up.

18:6 ← David cries out to the Lord for help.

• Psalms 14:2-3, the Lord is looking for those who seek after Him.

## God's Response

- Psalms 18:7-9 (Read)

• Earth quakes, mountains shake, smoke and fire come from the Lord, the mountains melt (Nahum 1:5) the earth is burned at His presence.

# 5. The Apostle Paul's writing on the Great Day of the Lord from 2 Thessalonians 1:4-12 (Page 11-12)

1. Yeshua will be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire (2 Thess. 1:7) Isaiah 66:15

## Flame and Fire

Sinai (Exodus 19:18)

Burning Bush (Exodus 3)

- The mountain burned and smoke ascended, etc. in the presence of God.

\* Flame is more than a supernatural phenomenon, it is a manifestation of God.

- when we come before the Lord God Almighty sin will be burned up, consumed by the very presence of God.

• Any thoughts on this?

2. When Yeshua returns He will destroy those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Not knowing God is synonymous with obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

• What does it mean to obey the gospel of Jesus Christ?

• What is the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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Preventing utter destruction in the presence of God is reliant upon Yeshua and His teaching, obeying His teaching, and knowing God the Father.

## 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

"Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of His calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- obey the gospel of Christ.
- Counted worthy of His calling.
- grace of our God.

} How are these related?

## Questions

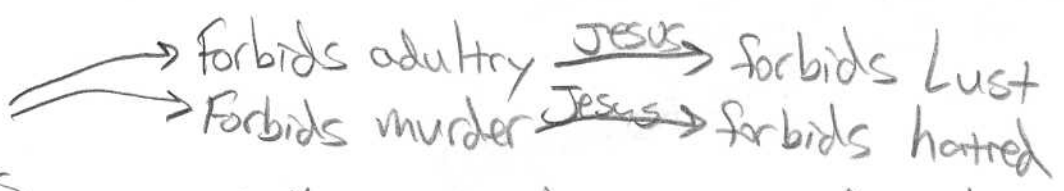
- Is there something we must do besides faith?
- Is this legalism?
- what is legalism?
- The Law describes Blessing and Curse and obedience, How do all these things work together?

# What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

- Jesus commissioned His followers to preach the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16)
  - The Gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24)
  - The Gospel of the Kingdom (Matthew 4:23)
  - The Gospel of Christ (Mashiach) (Romans 1:16)
  - The Gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15)
  - The glorious Gospel (2 Corinthians 4:4, 1 Timothy 1:11)
  - The everlasting Gospel (Revelation 14:6)
  - The Gospel of Salvation (Ephesians 1:13)
  - Conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel... (Philippians 1:27)
- Proclaiming the good news to the poor.
- We cry out for deliverance and healing and yearning to be right with God.
- Jesus frequently engaged the scribes & pharisees in serious exchanges on the nature of God, the traditions, and halachic rulings. (ie. healing and meeting essential human needs on the Sabbath).
- Those who believe and hold on to his have eternal life even now.

## Scriptures

Torah  
 Prophets  
 Writings



- Calls us to a higher form of righteousness
- God forgives, we must forgive also.

• God is perfect → we are to strive for perfection of spirit and life. (6)

- do not be moved from the hope held out in the Gospel. The Gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.  
(Colossians 1:23)

- the Gospel Paul preached is not of human origin. (Gal. 1:11)

- Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the Gospel of God  
(Romans 1:1)

- the Gospel is veiled to those who are perishing.  
(2 Corinthians 4:3)

• The Torah, prophets, writings

- Those who are perishing do not see the scriptures that direct us to Jesus Christ the Messiah.

- Those who are perishing do not recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah.

They do not understand the purpose of the Torah in their lives. (see Romans 10)

# Tehillim/Psalms 18:19-25

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18:19 ← The Lord brought David into an open place.  
◦ He was hiding

18:20 ← The Lord rewarded him according to his righteousness  
the cleanness of his hands.

→ Because David did not depart from the Lord  
and His ways. (19:21)

→ The way that we live affects our relationship with  
the Lord.

Moses said:

- Blessing comes when we listen & obey
- The curse comes when one turns aside from the way God has commanded.

This is emphasized in Deuteronomy 11:26-12:28

Mount Gerizim ← Inside Israel

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- obeying the Lord
- remaining in the covenant
- seek the Lord in the way God chooses

↙  
Outside Israel

- do not have regard for the ways of the Lord.
- does not remain within the covenant

\* According to the scriptures, God revealed Himself through Israel  
in order to make His Name known to the world



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Today, do we allow the Lord to establish, within us a place where He can make His name known in the way we live?

Psalms 18:25 with the kind You show yourself kind; with the blameless You show yourself blameless;

18:26 with the pure You show yourself pure, and with the crooked You show yourself astute. (NASB)

- the verse suggests that the Lord will cause trouble for those who are crooked or perverse.

### Questions

- \* Does God send bad things upon the wicked?
- \* Does the Lord show kindness and goodness to those who are not kind, blameless or pure?
- \* What about those who are God's children in Christ who do not show kindness, blameless, or pure?

### Aramaic Targum

Psalms 18:26 With Abraham, who was found pious in your presence, you showed mercy; with his seed, Isaac, who was complete in fear of you, you completed your favorable word.

18:27 With Jacob who was pure in your presence, you chose his sons from all the gentiles, and separated his seed from all that is unfaithful; but with Pharaoh and his seed, and the Egyptians who thought evil thoughts against your people, you confounded them in their thoughts.



- (9)
- The rabbis in their targum (translation) provide examples of those who the Lord showed kindness, mercy, and pure.

### Psalm 18:29-32 (Page 22)

18:29 For by you I can run upon a troop; And by my God I can leap over a wall. (NASB)

#### Targum

18:30 For by your word I will pass through armies; and by the word of my God I will subdue mighty Citadels.

→ the Lord is doing all by the power of His word.

### Psalm 18:37-42 (page 25) "Read"

- David describes his victory over his enemies.
- Compare Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek translations
- How do these words compare to Jesus's words in Matthew 5:43-48? (page 26)
  - Does the comparison show a transition between the way the Lord works today as compared to then?
  - David praised God for the destruction of his enemies.
  - Reading Matthew 5:43 "You have heard it said: You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy."
    - \* Note how he says "you have heard it said" and not "it is written."
    - \* Does the Law say "hate your enemies?"

\* Nowhere in the Torah does it say to "hate your enemies." (10)

- By Yeshua saying "you have heard it said" suggests this was a common saying amongst the first century rabbis.
- Is it wrong to thank God for the destruction of our enemies?

Psalms 69: 27-28 "Do Thou add iniquity to their iniquity, and may they not come into Your righteousness. May they be blotted out of the book of life, and may they not be recorded with the righteous."

(Page 27) "read"

- Do the prayers calling God to destroy one's enemies run contradictory to Yeshua's words in Matthew 5:43-48?

(Page 28) "read"