

NOON BIBLE STUDY: 2 SAMUEL 22

(REMEMBER WE'RE IN THE EPILOGUE 2 SAMUEL 21:1—24:25)

"DAVID'S SONG IS ALMOST IDENTICAL WITH PSALM 18. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENCES IN SPELLING, ETC., IN THE HEBREW TEXT OF THE TWO PASSAGES, BUT FEW OF THE DIFFERENCES COME ACROSS IN A TRANSLATION. MOST OF THESE DIFFERENCES CAN BE UNDERSTOOD WHEN ONE REALIZES THAT, WHILE THE BOOK OF PSALMS, REGULARLY USED IN WORSHIP, USES "STANDARD" HEBREW SPELLING, THE SPELLING IN THE SAMUEL PASSAGE IS MUCH MORE PHONETIC IN CHARACTER BECAUSE AS A NARRATIVE IT WAS WRITTEN AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE HEARD. IN OTHER WORDS, DAVID'S PERSONAL SONG OF 2 SAMUEL 22 HAS BEEN ADAPTED TO SERVE AS A PUBLIC HYMN IN PSALM 18" (ESV STUDY BIBLE, 2 SAMUEL 22)

2 SAMUEL 22:1-4 PRAISE TO THE LORD, SUMMARY STATEMENTS

V. 3 - HORN OF SALVATION

THE HORN OF THE WILD OX IS FREQUENTLY A METAPHOR FOR MILITARY STRENGTH; THE IDIOM "EXALT THE HORN" SIGNIFIES MILITARY VICTORY (1 SAM 2:10, PSA 89:17, 24, PSA 92:10, LAM 2:17). IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST POWERFUL WARRIOR-KINGS WOULD SOMETIMES COMPARE THEMSELVES TO A GORING BULL THAT USES ITS HORNS TO KILL ITS ENEMIES. (NET BIBLE)

THE KIND OF HORN MEANT HERE IS NOT A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT BUT THE DEADLY WEAPON OF THE WILD OX...IT IS NOT HARD TO IMAGINE THAT THE HORN OF THE WILD OX BECAME FOR THE ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN PEOPLE (WHO HAD NO CARS OR TANKS OR MOTORS) A SIGN OF TREMENDOUS STRENGTH AND A MEANS OF VICTORY IN CONFLICT. - JOHN PIPER, ("JESUS IS THE HORN OF SALVATION" [HTTP://WWW.DESIRINGGOD.ORG/MESSAGES/JESUS-IS-THE-HORN-OF-SALVATION](http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/jesus-is-the-horn-of-salvation))

2 SAMUEL 22:5-7 - DAVID'S SITUATION. DAVID CRIES TO THE LORD. THE LORD HEARS.

V. 7 - DAVID CRIED TO THE LORD...THE LORD RESPONDS

"DAVID'S DISTRESS WENT FAR BEYOND FACING GALL BLADDER SURGERY OR REPLACING A DEFUNCT AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION. DEATH DAILY DOGGED HIS TRACKS. HE WAS MOST WANTED MAN ON SAUL'S HIT LIST. ONE MIGHT ESCAPE ONCE OR TWICE, BUT WHAT ARE THE ORDINARY CHANCES OF SALVAGING YOUR SKIN WHEN THE KING STAYS ON A CONCERTED, RELENTLESS CAMPAIGN TO MAKE THE GRAVE (SHEOL) YOUR NEW ADDRESS? BUT YAHWEH HAD DONE IT!" (DALE RALPH DAVIS, "FOCUS ON THE BIBLE: 2 SAMUEL", PG. 285)

2 SAMUEL 22:8-16 - THE LORD'S APPROACH TO RESCUE DAVID

DAVID COULD HAVE JUST TOLD US QUICKLY THAT "THE LORD DELIVERED HIM" BUT HE SPENDS THE TIME AND INK TO DESCRIBE THE WAY IN WHICH THE LORD DELIVERED HIM SO THAT WE MAY UNDERSTAND THE MAGNITUDE OF THE MOMENT AND THE POWER OF GOD.

"DAVID DOESN'T MERELY WANT TO TELL YOU A FACT ABOUT YAHWEH, HE WANTS YOU TO SEE YAHWEH IN ALL HIS SAVING FURY. HE DOESN'T INTEND MERELY TO INFORM YOU ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS DONE; HE WANTS YOU TO SEE THE GOD WHO DID IT!" (DALE RALPH DAVIS, "FOCUS ON THE BIBLE: 2 SAMUEL", PG. 286)

2 SAMUEL 22:17-20 - SALVATION/RESCUE - GOD RESCUES

V. 17 - "DREW ME OUT" - HEB *MASAH* - ONLY USED 1 OTHER TIME IN BIBLE OTHER THAN THIS & PARALLEL IN PSALM 18:17 → EXODUS 1:22-2:10 (10)

THIS IS WHAT DAVID FEELS HAS HAPPENED TO HIM.

2 SAMUEL 22:21-25 - THE LORD TAKES CARE OF HIS PEOPLE

DAVID IS NOT CLAIMING PERFECTION HERE. INSTEAD "WHAT HE DOES CLAIM, ESPECIALLY IN THE SECOND HALF OF VERSE 22, IS A GENERAL, OVERALL FIDELITY TO YAHWEH. HE HAS NOT, AFTER ALL, COMMITTED APOSTASY, NOT TURNED HIS BACK ON YAHWEH...WHEN DAVID SPEAKS OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PURITY (V. 21, 25) HE DOES NOT POINT TO SINLESS PERFECTION BUT LIFE DIRECTION: HE IS NOT SPORTING A PHARISAICAL PRIDE OVER ERRORLESS OBEDIENCE BUT EXPRESSING A FAITHFUL LOYALTY VIA CONSISTENT OBEDIENCE. " (DALE RALPH DAVIS, "FOCUS ON THE BIBLE: 2 SAMUEL", PG. 289)

2 SAMUEL 22:26-28 - THE LORD SEES & KNOWS ALL THAT'S GOING ON

V. 27 - "ASTUTE" - : HAVING OR SHOWING AN ABILITY TO NOTICE AND UNDERSTAND THINGS CLEARLY : MENTALLY SHARP OR CLEVER (MERRIAM-WEBSTER, VIA M-W.COM)

2 SAMUEL 22:29-37 - THE LORD STRENGTHENS

- 1 - THE LORD HEARS (V. 7)
- 2 - THE LORD RESCUES (V. 8-20)
- 3 - THE LORD CARES (V. 21-25)
- 4 - THE LORD SEES & KNOWS (V. 26-28)
- 5 - THE LORD STRENGTHENS (V. 29-30)

V. 34 - "HINDS FEET": "THE HIND IS A FEMALE RED DEER WHOSE HOME IS THE MOUNTAINS. THE REAR FEET OF THE HIND STEP IN PRECISELY THE SAME SPOT WHERE THE FRONT FEET HAVE JUST BEEN. EVERY MOTION OF THE HIND IS FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH SINGLE-FOCUSED CONSISTENCY, MAKING IT THE MOST SURE-FOOTED OF ALL MOUNTAIN ANIMALS." - BARBARA LARDINAIS, [HTTP://HANNAHSCUPBOARD.COM/SECRETHIND.HTML](http://HANNAHSCUPBOARD.COM/SECRETHIND.HTML)

V. 36 - "YOUR HELP MAKES ME GREAT" CP. DAVIDIC COVENANT:

2 SAMUEL 7:8-9 - "NOW THEREFORE, THUS YOU SHALL SAY TO MY SERVANT DAVID, 'THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS, "I TOOK YOU FROM THE PASTURE, FROM FOLLOWING THE SHEEP, TO BE RULER OVER MY PEOPLE ISRAEL. 9 "I HAVE BEEN WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU HAVE GONE AND HAVE CUT OFF ALL YOUR ENEMIES FROM BEFORE YOU; AND I WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT NAME, LIKE THE NAMES OF THE GREAT MEN WHO ARE ON THE EARTH.

2 SAMUEL 22:38-49 - THE LORD GIVES VICTORY

- 6 - THE LORD GIVES VICTORY (V. 38-49)

V. 48-49 - THINK OF ALL OF THE TIMES DAVID HAS BEEN DELIVERED! LION & BEAR, GOLIATH, SAUL, PHILISTINES, SURROUNDING NATIONS, ABSALOM, SHEBA, HIMSELF, ETC ETC ETC.

HERE IS A GLIMPSE OF THE SCOPE OF THE KINGDOM. DAVID WAS NO MORE A PHILISTINE VASSAL, REIGNING OVER A PINT-SIZED SECTION OF JUDEAN LANDSCAPE. HE WAS YAHWEH'S COVENANT KING OVER ISRAEL, AND SURROUNDING NATIONS NOW ACKNOWLEDGED HIS AUTHORITY, IN WHICH WE HAVE A PREVIEW AND PLEDGE OF THE DAY WHEN ALL KINGS WILL BOW DOWN AND ALL NATIONS (WILL) SERVE DAVID'S ROYAL DESCENDANT. (DALE RALPH DAVIS, "FOCUS ON THE BIBLE: 2 SAMUEL", PG. 292)

2 SAMUEL 22:50-51 - PRAISE, THANKS & GLORIFICATION: THE RIGHT RESPONSE

V. 51 - "TOWER OF DELIVERANCE" - THE PLACE YOU CAN RUN TO FOR SAFETY

"DAVID'S HISTORY COULD HAVE BEEN NARRATED AS THAT OF A GREAT AND POWERFUL KING. THIS CHAPTER HOWEVER, IS CONCERNED THAT IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS THE ACTION OF A GREAT AND POWERFUL GOD." (DALE RALPH DAVIS, "FOCUS ON THE BIBLE: 2 SAMUEL", PG. 284)

AND WHEN DAVID HAS BEEN DELIVERED, HE LAUNCHES INTO PRAISE AND THANKS. THIS IS THE RIGHT RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

WHEN IN TROUBLE, WE SHOULD CRY OUT TO THE LORD. WE CAN KNOW HE WILL HEAR US, RESCUE US, CARE FOR US, TAKE NOTE OF US, STRENGTHEN US AND GIVE US VICTORY. AND THEN WE PRAISE HIM. HE IS OUR ONLY ROCK. OUR VERY PRESENT HELP IN TIMES OF TROUBLE. OUR LIGHT IN DARKNESS. OUR PLACE OF REFUGE IN ALL STORMS. HE IS OUR PROTECTOR AND DEFENDER. OUR AVENGER. OUR DELIVERER. THE ONE WHO WILL MAKE OUR PATHS STRAIGHT. THE ONE WHO BRINGS JUSTICE FOR US WHEN INJUSTICE ABOUNDS. HIS NAME IS YAHWEH - HOLY IS HIS NAME. GREAT AND MIGHTY AND WORTHY OF PRAISE IN EVERY SEASON BY EVERY PERSON WITH EVERY BREATH.

AMAZING GRACE

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THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME
I ONCE WAS LOST BUT NOW AM FOUND
WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE

'T WAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR
AND GRACE MY FEARS RELIEVED
HOW PRECIOUS DID THAT GRACE APPEAR
THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED

THROUGH MANY DANGERS TOILS AND SNARES
I HAVE ALREADY COME
'T IS GRACE HATH BROUGHT ME SAFE THUS FAR
AND GRACE WILL LEAD ME HOME

WHEN WE'VE BEEN THERE TEN THOUSAND YEARS
BRIGHT SHINING AS THE SUN
WE'VE NO LESS DAYS TO SING GOD'S PRAISE
THAN WHEN WE FIRST BEGUN