

2 Samuel 22

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This song of deliverance is nearly identical to Psalm 18, a messianic Psalm. David wrote prophetically about his descendant who was to come.

Verses 7-15 proclaim God's power in a series of poetic pictures. William MacDonald tells us how this applies to Christ:

When you come to verses 7–19, it sounds as if a war has broken out. And that is exactly what happened at the Resurrection of Christ. The battle was between God and the hosts of hell. Satan and all his demons encamped at the tomb outside Jerusalem, determined that the Lord Christ would never rise again. Their success in having the Son of God crucified would be completely nullified if

He were to rise from the dead. So they massed themselves at the sealed tomb of the Savior.

Then God lowered the heavens and came down in the greatest display of power the world has ever known. The Apostle Paul later spoke of it as “the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead” (Eph. 1:19, 20). Greater than the might that created the universe, greater than the strength that delivered Israel from Egypt, God's resurrection power drove back the hosts of principalities, powers, and wicked spirits on that first Easter morning. (Believer's Bible Commentary, Psalm 18:7-15)

Questions for study and discussion:

1. List the words from verses 1-4 that portray the Lord's strength. How was that strength shown in David's life? In yours?
2. Do these verses apply only to David? Are there any that could not?
3. What verses could pertain to Jesus's life on earth?

4. Which verses look forward to Lord's future reign?
5. What is the practical lesson of verses 26-38?
6. When does the Lord not deal with people according to their ways?
7. What are some verses in this song that apply to us as ordinary Christians, along with David?