

## Psalm 18

### Introduction.

- A. Written near the end of David's life.
  - 1. Looks back to all the LORD has done for him.
  - 2. Looks back particularly at the time he was protected when he was an outlaw, running from Saul.
  - 3. Identical to 2 Samuel 22.
- B. In the heading, the first after Moses and Joshua to be called the Servant of the LORD.
- C. Joy, peace, and security from the hand of the LORD.

### I. Expressions of praise (1-3).

- A. Note the names he gives the LORD.
- B. No wonder he loves Him.

### II. I was in trouble (4-6).

- A. Personification: death pictured as a hunter with cord and net.
- B. "Destruction:" Hebrew is "Belial," a name also used of Satan.
- C. The LORD heard his cries.

### III. The LORD displayed his great power (7-15).

- A. Poetic hyperbole.
- B. Adds another name to the list: Most High.

### IV. He rescued me (16-24).

- A. Because He delighted in me.
- B. Because of my cleanness of heart (1 Ki. 14:8; 15:5).
  - 1. We get God's righteousness.
  - 2. Continual confession and cleansing (2 Sa. 12:13).

### V. He strengthened me (25-36).

- A. All David's prowess came from God.
  - 1. Blessings on those who follow the LORD.
  - 2. Evil upon those who turn away from Him.
- B. God's way is perfect.
- C. He gives me strength to overcome what seeks to conquer me (Ha. 3:19).

### VI. I overcame my trouble (37-42).

- A. The enemies cried out to their own gods, but no help came.
- B. Then they cried out to the LORD, but it was too late.

VII. I received rich rewards (43-48).

VIII. All praise belongs to the LORD (49-50).