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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER
PSALM 18:3–15

Psa. 18:0,

“To the Chief Musician.

**A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD,
who spoke to the LORD the words of this
song on the day that the LORD delivered
him from the hand of all his enemies and
from the hand of Saul.
And he said:”**

Psalm 18 Theme

The Psalmist expresses his gratitude, joy, and praise for the Lord's miraculous deliverance by explaining the circumstances of his distress and the merciful response of God to his pleas for deliverance.

Psa. 18:1, “I will love You, O LORD, my strength.”

רחם *racham*

**qal imperf 1 com
sing**

**to love deeply, to
have compassion,
mercy; 17× in the
Old Testament**

חֵזֶק *chezeq*

**comm masc sing
constr**

**strength, the noun
is rare, used of
military strength**

Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my *foundation stone*, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Ex. 17:6, “ ‘Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock [*tzur*] in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock [*tzur*], and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.’ And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.”

1 Cor. 10:4, “and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.”

1 Pet. 2:8, “and ‘A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.’ They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.”

Matt. 16:18, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”





Psa. 78:35, “Then they remembered that God was their rock [*tzur*], and the Most High God their Redeemer.”

Psa. 18:46, “The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock [*tzur*]! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.”

Deut. 32:30, “How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock [*tzur*] had sold them, and the LORD had surrendered them?

Deut. 32:31, “For their rock is not like our Rock [*tzur*], even our enemies themselves being judges.”

Psa. 62:2, “He only is my rock [*tzur*] and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.”

NOW WHEN JESUS STEPPED
INTO THE DISTRICT OF CAESAREA
PHILIPPA, HE ASKED HIS DISCIPLES
“WHAT DO MEN SAY THAT THE SON
OF MAN IS?”

SIMON PETER REPLIED, “YOU ARE CHRIST,
THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.” AND
JESUS ANSWERED HIM...

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**ישי^ע *yasha*^ע
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to deliver, save, heal.**

**David describes God's supernatural intervention to deliver him from the enemies which threaten his life,
Psa. 18:4–15**

- 1. David describes His disastrous situation: death and destruction seem inevitable, thus thwarting God's plan,
Psa. 18:4–5**

Psa. 18:4,

**“The pangs of death surrounded me,
And the floods of ungodliness made me
afraid.**

Psa. 18:5,

**“The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.”**

Psa. 116:3, “The pains of death surrounded me, and the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble [*tzarah*] and sorrow.”

**חֶבֶל־2 *chevel-2* comm
masc plur constr
rope, cord, line, 49×**

**רָצַח *metzar*
comm
masc plur
constr
distress**

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surrounded me,

And the floods of ungodliness [chaos of
evil] made me afraid.”

1-נַחַל־1 *nachal-1*

comm masc plur
constr torrent,
wadi, flood,
river, brook

בְּלִיַּעַל *beliyya'al*

comm masc sing abs
wickedness;
worthless, good for
nothing

**What the Bible Teaches
About
S.O.B.s
“Sons of Belial”**



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Divine Institutions

- 1. Personal Responsibility: God is the authority**
- 2. Marriage: the husband is the authority**
- 3. Family: the parents are the authority**
- 4. Government: the governing authorities;
Rom. 13:1–7; 1 Pet. 2:13–17**
- 5. Nationalism: God is the authority; He sets the boundaries. Acts 17:26**

Beli'al

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- 2. Unchecked sin and evil are self-destructive and destroy cultures and nations. Pagans understood the power of chaos and deified chaos and death.**
- 3. This is a polemic against the gods of the Canaanites.**
- 4. The wicked are self-absorbed and their behavior will destroy society.**

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What the Bible Teaches About *Sheol*

