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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND MERCY
PSALM 18:25–30

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.

**Psalm 18:20–30: God is praised because
He faithfully blesses those who are loyal to
Him.**

Psa. 18:20,

**“The LORD rewarded me
according to my righteousness
According to the cleanness of my
hands
He has recompensed me.**

Psa. 18:21,

**“For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my
God.”**

1. Salvation is free; Rewards are earned!

Col. 3:23, “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

Rom. 5:15, “But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.”

Rom. 5:17, “For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”

**Eph. 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves;
it [the ‘by grace through faith salvation’] is the gift of God,”**

2. Salvation is based on faith in the completed work of Christ on the Cross; Rewards are based on our spiritual growth by the Holy Spirit.

**3. Rewards and blessings occur in this life,
and in the next.**

Blessings for time

Blessings for eternity

4. Rewards are related to inheritance.
There are two kinds of inheritance, that which is for all believers, and that which is for obedient, spiritual growing believers, also known as disciples.

Heb. 6:12, “that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

A woman without her man is nothing.

A woman, without her, man is nothing.

A woman, without her man, is nothing.

**Romans 8:17, “and if children, heirs also,
heirs of God,
and
fellow heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with
Him
so that we may also be glorified with Him.”**

5. Rewards for eternity are distributed at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

2 Cor. 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

1 Cor. 3:12, “Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

1 Cor. 3:13, “each one’s work will become clear; for the day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.”

1 Cor. 3:14, “If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

1 Cor. 3:15, “If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

Psa. 17:1, “Hear a just cause, O LORD, attend to my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips.

Psa. 17:2, “Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.

Psa. 17:3, “You have tested my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tried me and have found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.”

**Psa. 17:4, “Concerning the works of men,
by the word of Your lips, I have kept away
from the paths of the destroyer.**

**Psa. 17:5, “Uphold my steps in Your paths,
that my footsteps may not slip.”**

Psa. 127:1, “Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”

**Psa. 18:25, “With the merciful You will
show Yourself merciful;
With a blameless man You will show
Yourself blameless;”**

1. **Synonymous parallelism** became a way of saying the same thing twice;
2. **Antithetical parallelism**, marking a contrast, served to make a distinction;
3. **Synthetic parallelism** became sort of a catchall for what would not fit the others.
4. **Climactic Parallelism** or **Step Parallelism** is a distinct type of this; the thought is developed by the repetition and builds to a climax with the additional material.

Merciful

Psa. 18:25, “With the merciful [faithful] You will show Yourself merciful [faithful];”

חָסִיד *chasid* masc sing abs godly, merciful, faithful/loyal

חֲסַד-2 *chasad-2* hitpael imperf 2 masc sing to be kind, loyal, faithful

From *chesed*. With the faithful, you show yourself faithful/loyal

Psa. 17:7,

**“Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by
Your right hand,**

**O You who save those who trust in You
From those who rise up against them.”**

Blameless:

**“With a blameless man You will show
Yourself blameless;”**

**תָּמִים *tamim* masc sing abs “blameless,
perfect”**

**תָּמַם *tamam* hitpael imperf 2 masc sing “to
be complete”**

**Psa. 18:26, “With the pure You will show
Yourself pure;
And with the devious You will show
Yourself shrewd.”**

Pure

Psa. 18:26, “With the pure You will show Yourself pure;”

1-ברך *barar*-1 nif part masc sing abs to
purify, purge

1-ברך *barar*-1 hitpael imperf 2 masc sing to
purify, purge

Devious—Shrewd

“And with the devious You will show
Yourself shrewd.”

עִקְשׁ-1 *iqqesh-1* masc sing abs “crooked,
perverted”

פָּתַל *patal* hitpael imperf 2 masc sing “to
twist”

Psa. 18:27, “For You will save the humble people, but will bring down haughty looks.”

**עָנִי *‘ani* masc
sing abs poor,
“afflicted, poor,
weak, afflicted,
humble.”**

**רוֹם *rûm* be high,
lofty, haughty,
proud,**

God Rescues the Afflicted

Psa. 14:6, “You shame the counsel of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.”

Psa. 34:6, “This oppressed man cried out and the LORD heard; He saved him from all his troubles.”

Psa. 37:14, “Evil men draw their swords and prepare their bows, to bring down the oppressed and needy, and to slaughter those who are godly.”

Psa. 35:10, “With all my strength I will say, ‘O LORD, who can compare to you? You rescue the oppressed from those who try to overpower them; the oppressed and needy from those who try to rob them.’ ”

Psa. 72:4, “He will defend the oppressed among the people; he will deliver the children of the poor and crush the oppressor.”

Psa. 72:12, “For he will rescue the needy when they cry out for help, and the oppressed who have no defender.”

Prayers for Deliverance

**Psa. 69:29, “I am oppressed and suffering!
O God, deliver and protect me!”**

**Psa. 70:5, “I am oppressed and needy! O
God, hurry to me! You are my helper and
my deliverer! O LORD, do not delay!”**

**Psa. 10:12, “Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up
Your hand! Do not forget the humble.”**

Psa. 86:1, “Listen O LORD! Answer me! For I am oppressed and needy.”

Psa. 88:9, “My eyes grow weak because of oppression. I call out to you, O LORD, all day long; I spread out my hands in prayer to you.”

Psa. 88:15, “I am oppressed and have been on the verge of death since my youth. I have been subjected to your horrors and am numb with pain.”

Psa. 119:92, “Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.”

Psa. 119:153, “Consider my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget Your law.”

God's Attitude toward the Proud and the Humble

Prov. 3:34, “Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble.”

1 Pet. 5:5, “You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

1 Pet. 5:6, “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,”

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