

God is the Rock - Mighty to Save

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2 Samuel 22:1-51 - part 1

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Introduction

- Still looking at Epilogue of Samuel - last 4 chapters
- This song is David's reflections. Similar to Psalm 18, maybe this was draft

The Lord is My Rock

- uses "my" 10x in 2 verses!
- *'my Lord is everything to me... throughout my life my God has always been by protector and Savior!*
- Rock is a powerful image - what does it mean *the Lord is my Rock?*

God the Rock is Mighty to Save

- It is easy to identify with David – our lives are often troubled like his...
- David shared his troubles in v5-6
- Likely a pun in these words - Sheol and Saul sound very similar in Hebrew
- Chp 21¹⁵⁻²² and 23⁸⁻³⁹ list David's warriors but they weren't strong enough
- David still needed God *the Rock for my strong enemy were to mighty for me*¹⁸
- That is why David said, *I will call upon the Lord*⁴
- You also can only depend upon God to be your mighty Rock!

Faith in God's Care as if He was There

- David loved God & His Word - knew it well Psalm 19^{7,8,10...}
- David knew Moses' words describing Israel at Exodus¹⁴ & Mt. Sinai^{Ex19-20}
- David draws imagery in his song from Israel's Redemption Exodus 19-20:

2 Samuel 22:8 - earth trembled

Exodus 19:18 - mtn trembled

2 Samuel 22:9 - smoke & fire

Exodus 19:18 - smoke & fire

2 Samuel 22:10-12 - thick darkness

Exodus 19:16 - thick darkness

2 Samuel 22:13-15 - thunder, lightning

Exodus 20:18 - thunder, lightning

2 Samuel 22:16 - sea parted, earth seen

Exodus 14:21- sea parted, land made dry

- David wasn't there, but he was 'spiritually' in Israel - It happened for him!
- David was 'drawn out of the waters' because Israel had been^{2S22:17}
- "God has redeemed His people and He won't abandon His promises!"
- David was of the Old Covenant and saw that redemption²⁰ as defining him...
- Under New Covenant, the Resurrection of Jesus now defines believers
- Paul gives us Gal 2:20

Living in Resurrection Power

- You can be like David by looking to Jesus' work & resurrection
- Use it to confront your feelings with the facts of the resurrection Rom 6:4-5
- David never felt the earth shake at Sinai, but he did by faith...
- God protected David w/ Goliath, Saul... He will keep His promises with you!
- Let us live by powerful faith - Eph 1:15-20 we have resurrection power!
- Let us live every day in faith power to walk in newness of life!