

God the Rock Makes Us Mighty to Serve

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2 Samuel 22:1-51 - part 2

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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
- Last week we saw how "God the Rock is Mighty to Save" in other words, 'God has redeemed His people and He will not abandon His promises'

God Raises Up Servants for His Glory

- The second half of the song starts: *and who is a rock, except our God³²?*
- Book of Samuel started w/ Hannah's prayer^{1Sam2:1-10}
- Hannah understood her story was part of God's bigger unfolding redemptive plan and she got to participate for His glory
- Hannah understood God's character^{152:2} and saw her blessing as a picture and part of God's redemptive blessing for His people for His glory
- Hannah pointed us not to human power but God's power & favor^{152:9}
- Hannah pointed us to God's sovereignty^{152:7} in the affairs of men
- Book of Samuel shows us Saul, big & tall^{159:2}, fails to obey & perishes^{1531:8;251:19}
- David was a stark contrast to Saul - Samuel thought much of Jesse's sons^{1516:6}
- But the Lord rebuked him^{1516:7} so Samuel asked if all sons present^{1516:11}
- God's chosen, David^{1516:11} left - the youngest, smallest the insignificant one
- David declares God's use of him and how God worked through him^{2522:47-51}

David Raised Up by God

- David wasn't self-made man but a God-made man^{2522:17-20}
- David had refused to take out Saul though twice given opportunity^{1524:6;26:11}
- Hannah's prayer^{152:7} echoed by David^{2522:28,47-49}
- David proclaims God 'stooped down' to raise up David to greatness^{2522:36}
- God uses the called, not the worthy
- Consider Moses' words to Israel^{Dt7:6-9} you weren't special, you were loved!
- If you think you are worthy then listen to Paul^{1Cor1:26-29}

We are to See Christ in these Songs

- Hannah sang^{152:10}; David sang^{2522:51}. Both looked forward to Christ
- God uses broken sinful people for His glorious purposes
- What an amazing privilege we have to bring His Glorious Message!
- Even better, God equipped David^{30,33,34,35,41,etc.} for what He called him to do
- Likewise God will equip YOU, if He calls you, He will equip you!
- Paul writes 1 Cor 12:4-5; Lord's last words Acts 1:8
- So let us learn that God is the Rock that makes us mighty to Serve Him!