

PSALM 18; June 22; David Rewarded for his Righteousness

ANALYSIS:

1. What made David afraid? _____
2. When the LORD sent out his arrows and shot out his lightnings, who was scattered and discomfited? _____
3. Was David depending solely upon the LORD's mercy for his deliverance in this psalm? _____
4. Who taught David how to fight and make war? _____
5. Who in this psalm cried unto the LORD but He did not hear them?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Notice how David appealed to his own righteousness and the cleanness of his hands in beseeching the LORD for deliverance from his enemies (vv 20-26). It is godly ask the LORD to hear our prayers because we have kept his commandments. Hezekiah used this powerful method of reasoning with the LORD when he was sick and had been told by Isaiah that he was going to die (II Kings 20:3). And the LORD gave him 15 more years. David says in 18:21-23, "For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me. I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity." And the LORD delivered him from his enemies! (v 48).

Are you able to reason with the LORD by appealing to your own righteousness as did David? David twice tells the LORD about his own righteousness and the cleanness of his hands (vs 20, 24). Are you able to make a boast like this to the LORD? The LORD has great blessings and answers to prayer for the men and women who walk in his commandments, and also pray by beseeching the LORD while appealing to their own righteousness. The LORD hears and answers the prayers of the righteous (Ps 34:15).

HELP:

1. The floods of ungodly men (v 4).
2. The same ungodly men (v 14 refers back to v 4).
3. No, not solely. David also appeals to his righteousness and the cleanness of his hands before the LORD (vv 20-26). "With an upright man thou wilt show thyself upright" (v 25).
4. The LORD (v 34).
- 5 David's enemies (vv 40-41).