

# PSALMS

T H E B O O K O F

MESSAGE: NATHAN BAIRD

MUSIC: ANDREW SIMPSON, REBECCA FRENCH

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024

## Loving Gratitude to the Faithful, Rescuing God

Psalm 18

NOTES:

### Yahweh's Epic Rescue Has Permanently Endearred Him to David

**Psalm 18:1** *[dearly] love you, O LORD, my strength. 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

### Yahweh Rescued David...

#### 1) ...from impossible odds

**Psalm 18:4** *The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; 5 the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.*

#### 2) ...with incomparable strength

**Psalm 18:13** *The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. 14 And he sent out his arrows and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.*

#### 3) ...with incredible personal concern

**Psalm 18:16** *He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters. 17 He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. 18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. 19 He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.*

### Yahweh's Character is the Bedrock of Those Who Trust in Him, Now and Always

Just

**Psalm 18:25** *With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; 26 with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. 27 For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.*

## Reliable

**Psalm 18:30** *This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

## Compassionate

**Psalm 18:35** *You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great.*

## Yahweh's Fame Extends by Word of Mouth From Those He Rescues

**Psalm 18:46** *The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation— 47 the God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me, 48 who rescued me from my enemies; yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from the man of violence. 49 For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name. 50 Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.*

## Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) Compare Psalm 18:25-27 with Matthew 5:2-11, Romans 2:6-11, 2 Timothy 2:11 and Revelation 20:11-12. How do these passages shape your understanding of God's just character.
- 2) What are specific ways God has shown himself just, reliable and compassionate to you? Consider writing your own poem outlining how you've experienced his strength and care and what others can expect when they come to him.
- 3) Although God's promises to use are different than those given to David, our confidence is the same. Read Philippians 4:6-7, Romans 8:28, 1 Peter 5:8-10 and write God's promises in your own words.

### SONGS

FIRM FOUNDATION  
NO LONGER SLAVES  
NAMES  
GOD WITH US

### BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$23,336.93  
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00  
  
YTD Giving: \$1,228,188.85  
YTD General Need: \$1,417,914.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (9/16): \$197,872.38

### COMMUNICATION & GIVING

Envelopes for financial gifts, prayer requests, & communication to our church leadership are in the seatback pockets. Please pass the envelopes to the ushers or deposit them in the offering boxes by the exit doors. Thank you!

### GET ON THE VBC FAMILY ROSTER

