Psalm 18

1. <<To the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David, the servant of the LORD, who spoke unto the LORD the words of this song in the day [that] the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,>> I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2. The LORD is [is] my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, [and] my high tower.

3. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5. The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6. In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and came down: and my cry came before him, [even] into his ears.

7. Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9. He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness [was] under his feet.
And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him [were] dark waters [and] thick clouds of the skies.

At the brightness [that was] before him his thick clouds passed, hail [stones] and coals of fire.

The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail [stones] and coals of fire.

Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to
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.

Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

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For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

[As for] God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he [is] a buckler to all those that trust in him.

For who [is] God save the LORD? or who [is] a rock save our God?
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my strength, and he is my shield, and my horn of salvation, and my stronghold.

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

For thou hast girded me with strength, and settest thy right hand against mine enemies, and makest mine arms like a bow of steel.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

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18:44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

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18:46 The LORD liveth; and blessed [be] my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

18:47 [It is] God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

18:48 He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou dost set me at the head of the nations, and pourest forth thy salvation as far as the ends of the earth.

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