

Our Promise Keeping King – 2 Samuel

2 Samuel 22:1-51

“A Song of Deliverance” – May 12, 2019



Introduction

2 Samuel 22 is a psalm of thanksgiving (compare with Psalm 18). David is looking back on the times where he had lost his footing, been entangled by destructive circumstances and the waves of trial had crashed over him...but God delivered him! God is a Rock for His people (see v2, 32, 47). As we listen in to David's Psalm, we are invited to sing with him, so we can put our feet down on the Rock who provides us with safety, stability, and deliverance.

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

Sermon Outline

We can find hope and confidence in a world with imperfect authority by looking and pointing others to Jesus, our perfect King.

- I. Look the Rock who saves (22:1-20)
- II. Trust the Rock who purifies (22:21-31)
- III. Praise the Rock who triumphs (22:32-51)

Read & Discuss

1. Read [2 Samuel 22:1-20](#)

When David was in serious distress and his life was on the line, he called out to God. As the Lord's anointed king, God responded with power and protective care (see [vv8-16](#)). In this poetic language, David looks back to the exodus of God's people from slavery in Egypt and sees the same God caring with the same power in his own situation ([Exodus 14](#) recounts the parting of the Red Sea; [Exodus 19:16-25](#) recounts the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai). Whereas David looked back to the Exodus to understand God's care for *him*, we look back on Jesus' resurrection to understand God's care for us as Christians today. Because we belong to Him, because we are united to Christ by faith, His salvation becomes our salvation (e.g. [Romans 6:3-4](#)). Because of Jesus, God delights in us similar to the way David knew God delighted in him (see [v20](#))! Are you in distress? Do you call upon God with the confidence that in Christ, He hears and cares for you with the same care, power, and vigilance? Take some time to take your concerns, anxiety, fears to Him. Pour out your heart to God – He is a refuge for us ([Ps. 62:8](#))!

Additional Reading: Romans 8:31-32, Psalm 77:19, Matthew 3:17, Hebrews 4:15-16

2. Read [2 Samuel 22:21-31](#)

Shockingly, David refers to himself as righteous in this section. It's not that David forgot his adultery, murder, or other countless sins...but he is beginning to believe what God says about him and see himself the way God sees him: forgiven! That is possible because God told him through the prophet Nathan, 'The Lord also has put away your sin' (2 Sam. 12:13). Just as David looked forward to the Christ who would take away his sin, we look back to Christ and what He's done for us to take away our sin. When you think of your standing before God today, do you believe what He says of you in the gospel or what your past sin, guilt and enemy whispers in your ear? Take some time to read [Psalm 32](#) or [Psalm 51](#), two of David's psalms of confession. Focus not only on his confession of guilt, but what David asks God to do...and what he trusts God has done!

Additional Reading: Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:9-12, Romans 3:23-26

3. Read [2 Samuel 21:32-51](#)

God is mighty to save! And, part of the way God establishes His Kingdom, is by strengthening us! The Christian life does involve effort! But this effort is not a *suck it up and try harder* effort; it's not a *pull yourself up by your own boot straps* effort. Instead, it is (as Kevin DeYoung notes), obedience that is Spirit-empowered, Gospel-Driven and Faith-fueled. Take some time to reflect on and discuss each aspect.

Additional Reading: Hebrews 12:14, Philippians 2:12-13, 1 Corinthians 15:10

*If you'd like to read more about this obedience, check out the book we mentioned in the sermon: [The Hole in our Holiness](#), by Kevin DeYoung. It's on sale at the Church Bookstall!

Prayer of Response

- 1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?
- 2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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***Next week's sermon text:** we return to **2 Samuel 23; "Authority that God Gives."** Read ahead and prayerfully consider what God is teaching us about Himself as we get ready, Lord willing, to gather together next Sunday.