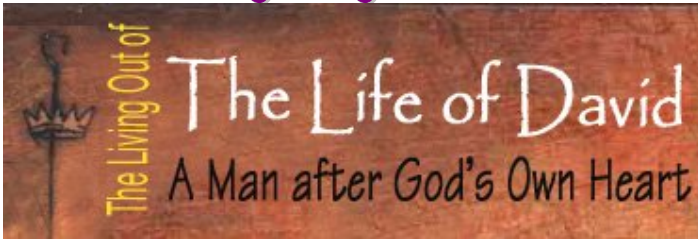




# 2 Samuel 22

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## Today- 2 Sam 22 – David's Song of Victory

### Songs are an important part of our lives

- They are key for expression – express life thru
- They are key for instruction – impact. deeply

### Biblically-songs are not about beat, style or instruments

- **When people talk about songs—often focus is style**
  - Style is what pleases, entertains
- **Biblically – the key issue is not beat, style – but words**
  - If that were key—God would have addressed
  - Focus is clearly on the words-important
- **Some condemn songs because of style, beat**
  - Need to convince me from Bible, not experience
  - Even culture determines what is worshipful
- **Equally – others go to opposite extreme**
  - Some say I like music for the beat, style
  - Seek to tell us that words don't effect
  - Can I say clearly – not true
  - What you sow...you will reap 📖
- **Key – it is about the words! It is!**

## **Now that I have offended as many as I could...😊**

- Sadly probably true...but for both often focus on beat
- Address negatively...yet prayerfully helpfully
- But consider this from a positive standpoint

## **Songs, words, are key for expression of heart and life**

- Songs help us say what we wanted to say
- Put words to the things of our heart – help with
- Often this way for me in worship
- Guide heart into what should be expressing

## **Songs are more than expressions—songs impact—instruct**

- Again issue is words. Words in song effect us
- Effect heart in deeper ways than explain
- Love how it says it in Col 3:16
- For me – can almost sense alignment

## **Today – consider one of David's songs - words**

- Recorded twice in the Bible – here and Ps 18
- **Lots of wonderful things in this Psalm.**
  - For much of it, just be able to read
  - Yet have a sense...in some way, help
  - Seek to help understanding flow

## **I. v.1 - Occasion of this Song**

### **1. v.1 When delivered from all enemies**

- a. David is near the end of his life...wars are over**
  - i) Partly – last chapter – people said no more
  - ii) Partly – insight from God – wars are over
- b. Looks back over all enemies, trials – all the way to Saul**

## II. v.2-4- David's Declaration

1. **Declares here as a premise the point of the song**
  - a. Declares character, faithfulness, firmness of God
2. **Note the repeated use of the word "my"**
  - a. More than just truth...but true for me
  - b. This is God's personal work in our lives

## III. v.5-6 – David's Distress

1. **As David looks back over life – not a perfect life**
    - a. Victory doesn't mean perfect or pampered life
  2. **David's life was frequent with sorrow & trouble**
    - a. Course: 10 years chased by Saul, revolt, rejection
    - b. Family: Marital problems (Michal), lost at least 3 kids
    - c. Best friend betrayed, people unfair, treated wrong
  3. **Nor was such sorrow easy -Notice how David describes**
    - a. Waves – relentless one after another, all sides
    - b. Sorrow of sheol has ideas of ropes, chords pulling
    - c. Snares always before him – scary, traps, unkind
  4. **Point: David's life was not a perfect life, not saying was**
    - a. What David is declaring is God brought him thru
    - b. David was right – God delivered him through all
    - c. Here me in this Christian – right in your life
      - i) **Rom 8:28** – is a promise and a fact
      - ii) **2 Cor 2** – God always leads in triumph
    - d. Our song – ought to be a song of victory
      - i) Sadly – not the song all Christians sing, see
  5. **Special note – suffering often amplifies victory**
    - a. This backdrop is what really makes song great
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## IV. v.8-20 - God Responded

- 1. Note what David did in his distress – Prayed!**
  - a. He turned to the Lord, he prayed
  - b. Key – not absence of trial, but a place to turn
  - c. This is a key to knowing God’s deliverance
- 2. And God responds to David in prayer, He acts**
  - a. Wonderful, powerful picture language here
- 3. Main point – God does respond, God is involved**
  - a. **Theism is not true** (idea of God as watching not involved)
    - i) These feel “God helps those who help themselves”
  - b. **No – God is actively, personally involved**

# V.v.21-28– Who God Delivers

## **1. Read v.21-25 Main point: Who is the person God helps?**

- a. God answers prayer, works – but not for all
- b. Most people pray...most prayers ineffective
  - i) Sin has separated people from God, does not hear
- c. Christian, we have access before God – unique

## **2. Practical problem – David not perfect! How say this?**

- a. Righteous? David...remember Bathsheba! Uriah?
- b. Simple answer...David was forgiven
  - i) Didn't claim perfection, but righteousness
  - ii) Righteousness...is right with God – he was

## **3. David describes righteousness**

- a. v. 22 – Kept Ways of Lord – not departing
  - i) Stumbled, but got back on track w/God
- b. v.23 – Kept Word of the Lord – to it – God's Word
- c. v.24a – Kept right with God
  - i) Blameless-every wrong dealt with-nothing outstanding
- d. v.24b – Did battle with sin, sought to avoid
  - i) Yes stumbled, but also fought hard against

## **4. Describe you? Are you forgiven? Then are righteous!**

- a. Is a boldness, a rightness to recognizing
- b. Some feel God looks and still sees sinner
  - i) Think David and think adulterer, murderer
  - ii) Think self – same, liar, drug addict, more
  - iii) Changed, washed, justified -1Cor 6:9-11
  - iv) God sees you right in Christ – believe it

## **5. David describes God's right response more in v.26-28**

- a. Note—with humble—He saves. Proudful takes down

# VI. v.29-46 - God's deliverance

## 1. Technical note – Notice the focus of the words

- a. Bounces- speaking about the Lord and to the Lord
- b. Point – both are worship
  - i) Personally like speaking to God, but both good
- c. Wild as a song...but would be right in a journal

## 2. No way to draw out all that is in these verses

- a. But we will read them – and believe will bless
- b. Will try to break in places where focus changes

## 3. v.29 – God is our Light – guidance and hope

## 4. v.30b-35 – God is our Strength

## 5. v.36-37 – God is our Help

- a. Gentleness has idea of condescending to help us
- b. Reaching down from His heights to our lowness

## 6. v.38-43 – God is our Success

### a. v.38-39 – faithfulness to what God's plan was

- i) To be a warrior king was God's plan for David
- ii) He fulfilled God's plan for his life

### b. v.40- – How fulfilled God's plan – His help

- i) Armed and strengthened for the battle
- ii) Subdued in the battle

### c. v.41-46 – God made him successful

- i) **v.41-43** – Successful against enemies
  - A. Note – they prayed, God did not answer
  - B. Most people pray – but if not right with God, if not in His will – He does not answer
- ii) **v.44** – Successful over own people
- iii) **v.45-46** – Successful far and wide

# VII. David's closing exaltation

## 1. God is Alive!

a. He is our rock, help and deliver

## 2. David gives all the glory to God

a. You lifted me up - You delivered me

b. Therefore I give thanks to You

## 3. God is a tower of salvation

## 4. God is our deliverer – He is

a. We need to know it, declare it **2 Cor 2:14** 📖

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## Conclusion

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### Not only is God our Deliverer – better

- He is the Deliverer of Christ
  - This Psalm is messianic
- Quoted twice in NT
  - **Heb 2:13**
  - **Rom 15:9**
- Thus...the final words – apply to us
  - We are His descendants, kids
  - That is...if you are His

### If you are not His

- Doesn't apply
- No answer to prayer
- Not working all for good
- You are not delivered now...saved now
  - You are plummeting down a river flowing over a cliff, plummeting to hell