

PSALM 18

I love Thee O Lord, forever at length; for You alone, are all of my strength.

- 2 The Lord is My Rock, My Tower Escape; I flee to Your shield, Your horn keeps me safe.
- 3 I will call on the Lord, and in Him celebrate; for I am set free, from all those filled with hate.
- 4 Death's cords circled me, ever so near; and torrents of evil men, caused me to fear.
- 5 The throes of the grave, revolved 'round 'bout me; and the snares of dark death, before me I see.
- 6 I called on the Lord, and to God shouted clear; and He heard my cry, it came into His ears.
- 7 The earth shook and trembled, foundation and hill; they quivered and tossed, at the fire of His zeal.
- 8 Smoke rose from His nostrils, and from His mouth fire; burning like embers, consumed like a pyre.
- 9 He stretched forth the sky, and came down below; with lowering clouds, beneath where His feet go.
- 10 He dispatched forth His cherub, and rose in the sky; and on the wind's wings, did He dart forth and fly.
- 11 He set forth in darkness, to cover and shroud; His lodging encircled, with vapor and cloud.
- 12 His brilliance before Him, caused darkness to fail; with embers of fire, and lightning-filled hail.
- 13 The Lord above made, a heavenly crash; the Highest's voice came, and coals' fiery flash.
- 14 He sent arrows to pierce them, and scatter them wide; bright lightning destroyed them, on every side.
- 15 At Your word Earth's foundations, were open to view; with the wind of Your nostrils, that mightily blew.
- 16 He sent from on high, to seize me from harm; He pulled me from floods, (with the strength of His arm).
- 17 He snatched me away, from an enemy throng; from those who hate me, being much much too strong.
- 18 They went before me to set up, my ruin each day; but the Lord's my protector, sustainer and stay.
- 19 Brought me forth to a wide place, so open and free; pulling me out of evil, He leaned unto me.
- 20 The Lord recompensed me, for doing what's right; I kept my hands pure, and He gave back with might.

- 21 I have hedged in my roads, as the Lord has shown me; never departing, from God wickedly.
- 22 All of His verdicts, I kept clear in view; and turned not away, from His statutes so true.
- 23 In integrity and honor, I remained from the first; and hedged myself from, all that's wrong and perverse.
- 24 Thus the Lord paid me back, for doing what's right; for keeping my hands, clean and pure in His sight.
- 25 With the pious and kind, You will do what is meet; to men of integrity, show You're complete.
- 26 With those pure and bright, You glisten and shine; but the perverse and false, struggle entwined.
- 27 You will set free the humble, of all of Your tribes; but will cast down the prideful, who lift up the eye.
- 28 For You will ignite, my lamp with Your spark; the Lord God illumines, my way in the dark.
- 29 With Your mighty help, I break through a band; I spring over a wall, with the strength of God's hand.
- 30 God's way is perfect, the Lord's Word is tried; a protective shield, when in Him we confide.
- 31 For who is divine, save the Lord ever sure? Who is a Rock, like our God Who endures?
- 32 God gives me a belt, of valor and strength; He gives me a road, that is true its whole length.
- 33 Like a sure-footed doe, the steps of my feet; He makes me to stand, on each high mountain peak.
- 34 He teaches my hands, the best way to fight; I can bend a brass bow, with the strength of His might.
- 35 He's given a shield, of salvation so sound; His right hand upholds me, His mercy abounds.
- 36 You've broadened my steps, and my path underneath; never to waver, or slip with my feet.
- 37 I've run after my foes, and caught up to them; I never turned back, till they all met their end.
- 38 I've smashed them so they, are not able to rise; under my feet, forever to lie.
- 39 For You've strengthened my loins, for each battle I see; and subdued all my foes, who rise up against me.
- 40 You've given the necks, of my adversaries; that I might consume, all of those who hate me.
- 41 They let out a cry, and none came to defend; even unto the Lord, but He answered not them.
- 42 I beat them to dust, that is blown on a breeze; and poured them as mud, that's cast out in the streets.

- 43 You've saved me from strivings, and put me as king; a people will serve me,
unknown unto me.
- 44 When I command, they will do as I please; and sons of the stranger, submit before
me.
- 45 Yes all of these sons, shall fall fail and faint; leaping in fear, from the haunts
where they wait.
- 46 The Lord ever liveth, and blessed is my Rock; let God be exalted, Who saves me
from loss.
- 47 For my God gives vengeance, and justice and right; putting down nations,
subdued in my sight.
- 48 He delivers me from, all who rise up against; setting me free, from the men who
oppress.
- 49 So I will give thanks, to the Lord in His fame; I will sing to the nations, give praise
to His name.
- 50 He delivers the King, mercy unto His Christ; to David and David's son, to end of
time.