
⁴⁰ *You armed me with strength for battle; you made my adversaries bow at my feet.*

⁴¹ *You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes.* ⁴² *They cried for help, but there was no one to save them-- to the LORD, but he did not answer.*

⁴³ *I beat them as fine as the dust of the earth; I pounded and trampled them like mud in the streets.*

⁴⁴ *You have delivered me from the attacks of my people; you have preserved me as the head of nations. People I did not know are subject to me,* ⁴⁵ *and foreigners come cringing to me; as soon as they hear me, they obey me.* ⁴⁶ *They all lose heart; they come trembling from their strongholds.*

Imagery: Praise

2 Samuel 22:47 The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock, my Savior!

⁴⁸ *He is the God who avenges me, who puts the nations under me,*

⁴⁹ *who sets me free from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from violent men you rescued me.*

⁵⁰ *Therefore I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name.*

⁵¹ *He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever."*

Imagery: Trust.

2 Samuel 22:29 You are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD turns my darkness into light.

³¹ *As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.*

³⁴ *He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.*

David's Testimony of God

Life of David—part 11

2 Samuel 22; April 7, 2019

— The character of God is most learned in _____ . —

2 Samuel 22:1 David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

Imagery: God's character

² *He said: The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;* ³ *my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior-- from violent men you save me.*

⁴ *I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.*

Imagery: of Danger.

2 Samuel 22:5 The waves of death swirled about me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. ⁶ *The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.*

Imagery: Deliverance.

⁷ *In my distress I called to the LORD; I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears.*

⁸ *The earth trembled and quaked, the foundations of the heavens shook; they trembled because he was angry.* ⁹ *Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.* ¹⁰ *He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet.*

■ *2 Samuel 22:13 Out of the brightness of his presence bolts of lightning blazed forth.*

¹⁴ *The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded.*

¹⁵ *He shot arrows and scattered [the enemies], bolts of lightning and routed them.*

■ *2 Samuel 22:16 The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of breath from his nostrils.*

¹⁷ *He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.*

¹⁸ *He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.*

■ ¹⁹ *They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support.*

²⁰ *He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.*

Imagery: Duty

2 Sm 22:20 He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

■ ²¹ *The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.*

²² *For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God.*

²³ *All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees.*

²⁴ *I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin.*

■ ²⁵ *The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.*

²⁶ *To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless,*

²⁷ *to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.*

■ ²⁸ *You save the humble, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low.*

Imagery: A call to action

2 Samuel 22:29 You are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD turns my darkness into light.

■ ³⁰ *With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.*

³¹ *As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.*

³² *For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?*

■ ³³ *It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.* ³⁴ *He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.*

³⁵ *He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.* ³⁶ *You give me your shield of victory; you stoop down to make me great.* ³⁷ *You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.*

³⁸ *I pursued my enemies and crushed them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed.* ³⁹ *I crushed them completely, and they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet.*
