

## Who is God save the LORD?

Psalm 18: 30-33

We have read a portion of another Psalm of David. This is a song of victory that David sang unto the Lord when he had been delivered from all his enemies. It was a song of praise and thanksgiving for all God had done for him. We know David was a man of war who saw much conflict and difficulty in his life. He was anointed king of Israel at a very early age, but his ascension to the throne was not quick or easy. He endured years of battle and fleeing for his life prior to obtaining the throne. But as David surveyed his life, he was well aware that God had been good and provided abundantly for him, even in the hard times.

We have no way of knowing just where we are in the journey of life. There are those of different ages here this evening, but none of us are guaranteed another day upon this earth. We too may be nearing the end of our journey, but I think we would all have to sing a song of victory for the blessings God has bestowed upon us. We would all have to admit that God has been good in our lives as well. No doubt we have all endured our share of adversity, but God has been there with us each step of the way. [James 1:17 – Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.](#)

I want to consider the thought David brings to our attention: [Who is God save the LORD?](#) I trust this will be a blessing as we consider the many [benefits](#) we have in our God. First we see:

**I. A Divine Assessment** (30) – [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.](#) David pondered the divine nature of the Lord and His holy attributes. As he considered the Lord a couple of things came to his mind that were steadfast and sure, God's way and God's word. Let's consider these thoughts.

**A. God's Way is Perfect** (30a) – [As for God, his way is perfect.](#) It is apparent David had pondered the ways of the Lord. He likely thought of the paths he had traveled. There had been days when he walked in his own will. There had been times when he made bad decisions and wandered from the paths of the Lord. But as David considered the ways of God, he had to declare that God's way is perfect. Even in those times when it seemed defeat was inevitable, when he followed the Lord he came through victorious. David may not have always understood what the Lord was doing, but he had never been defeated when he walked in the ways of God.

- As I consider the ways of God, I too have to declare that God's way is perfect. There has never been a time in my life when I followed the ways of God that I suffered defeat. It may not have been the easiest path to travel, but it was always the best!

**B. God's Word is Pure** (30b) – *the word of the LORD is tried*. David also considered the word of the Lord. He declared that the Word of God had been tried, tested, and proven true. David was saying that he had never found the word of God lacking. He had never found it to be in error.

- The Word of God remains pure. It will stand when all else is gone. *Psalm 12:6 – The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times*. *Mat.24:35 – Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*. The Word of God is eternal; it will never change. We have the complete revelation of God to man in this blessed Book. What a privilege to possess a copy of God's inerrant, infallible Word!
- The world is constantly seeking for something to provide direction. They are looking to the great minds of our day to lead them into a life of peace and prosperity. We have it all right here in the pages of God's pure Word. Do you ever consider how blessed we are just to have a copy of such a precious and valuable possession? It ought to be the most prized possession we own. Who are we that God would reveal Himself through His Word? Millions of people today would give anything they had just to have a copy and we have several! Read it, study it, learn it, love it, meditate on it, and live by it.

**II. A Devout Affection** (30c-31) – David not only assessed God's way and His word, but he also possessed a devout affection for the Lord because of all He had given him. It is impossible to receive the goodness of God and His divine provision and not have a devout affection for Him. What brought this devout affection for the Lord? We find that:

**A. God is our Shield** (30c) – *he is a buckler to all those that trust in him*. God is a *buckler* to all those that trust in him. This isn't reserved for kings and princes. It isn't reserved for mighty men of valor. It is given to all who trust in Him. Each of us here can enjoy the mighty hand of God.

- He is our *buckler*; God is our shield, our protector, our defense, and hiding place. This word was also used to describe the scaly hide of the crocodile. When the world lashes out against us, God is our Armor against the attack of the enemy. He stands between us and the fiery darts of the adversary. The saved are secure in the mighty hand of God. Hell may rage and the storms may come, but we have an Anchor that is sure and a Shield that will not fail!

**B. God is our Sovereign** (31a) – *For who is God save the LORD?* David had seen the idol worship of the nations that surrounded Israel. He had seen them pray and sacrifice to idols of man's imagination, of wood, and stone. Never once had David seen those idols rise up and meet the needs of those who worshipped them. David knew there was only one God and He was Jehovah.

- We too live in a day where many worship false gods. Their lives are consumed by their affection for the things they enjoy. Millions around the world are very sincere in their worship, but they never receive any response from the gods they serve. (Illus. Bro. Moneyham's experience in Southeast Asia and the offering of fruit day after day.) I rejoice that I know the true and living God. I have no doubt that He lives and possesses all power. I have experienced His mighty power in my life and others. I'm glad that I worship the God of glory, the Lord of lords, and King of kings. There is none like Him. Who can compare to the God we serve?

**C. God is our Salvation (31b)** – *or who is a rock save our God?* David described God as the Rock. This is a repetition of [V.2](#). David reveals that God is his Deliverer, his High Tower, and the Horn of his salvation. The Hebrew word for rock refers to *“a high and lofty rock, one where refuge is found above the place of battle.”* David is praising the Lord for his salvation. Many times he had almost faced death and God had delivered him.

- There is also a spiritual application. David was rejoicing for the salvation of His soul. He lived prior to Calvary, but he was thankful for the provision of God. Who can receive the salvation of the Lord and not praise Him? We have been lifted out of the miry clay of sin, from the midst of the battle and eternal death, and placed upon the Rock of Christ! I have never gotten over what Jesus has done for me and I could never praise Him enough for saving my soul.

**III. A Desirable Adornment (32-33)** – In these remaining verses David speaks of the heavenly raiment the Lord provided for him. I'm sure he possessed all that a man could desire, but he was most thankful for that which God had given him. Let's consider this desirable adornment.

**A. God is our Garment (32a)** – *It is God that girdeth me with strength.* David realized the kingly robe he wore was nothing compared to the garment the Lord had given him. He was no longer clothed with the rags of sin, but now robed in the strength and provision of God.

- We too can rejoice in the garment we have received from the Lord. We were all born in sin, clothed in condemnation. We had no means within ourselves to approach the Lord or be accepted of Him. That all changed the day I met the Lord Jesus Christ in salvation. I traded the rags of sin for a garment of grace and justification. I took off the old man and put on the new. I no longer stand in the strength and wisdom of the flesh, but I have been given a garment of the Lord. [2 Cor.3:5](#) – *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.* A lost sinner bound for hell has now been cleansed in the blood of Jesus and robed in the righteousness of the Lord. We will one day be clothed with a glorified body as Jesus steps out and we are changed in the twinkling of an eye!

**B. God is our Guide (32b)** – *and maketh my way perfect.* Can you imagine the stress and pressure of trying to rule over a kingdom that God's people inhabited? David knew he could never possess the wisdom or ability to rule in himself. He rejoiced that the Lord had made his way clear. It was

God who was leading him. In the flesh David would make mistakes and falter, but in the Lord his path was right according to the Lord.

- Our lives are stressful and demanding. There are decisions we must make each day. I'm glad that I do not walk alone. I'm glad it isn't up to me to lead my family and this congregation. I have the Lord of glory to guide my steps. [Psalm 37:23 – The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.](#)

**C. God is our Grace (33a)** – [He maketh my feet like hinds' feet.](#) No doubt as David surveyed his life he remembered those times when he had almost slipped, those times when it seemed that he would surely fall. But even in those times the Lord was there to keep him. In those times when his path was treacherous and he felt he would face defeat, God gave the grace to stand and make it through.

- Isn't that a blessing? We have all had those times in life when we walked on a slippery slope or near the edge, but God was always there to give us the grace and strength we needed to make it through! Were it not for His grace and tender mercies we would all have perished and faced certain ruin. [Psalm 37:24 – Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.](#)

**D. God is our Glory (33b)** – [and setteth me upon my high places.](#) David had certainly been blessed. He was privileged to be called of God to rule over His chosen people. It was an honor to sit upon the throne of Israel. But I don't believe David was referring to his throne in this passage. David rejoiced that he had the opportunity to worship the Lord and fellowship with Him. God had allowed David to know Him in a personal, intimate way. The relationship he had with the Lord was better than all the kingdoms of this earth. God had allowed David the glorious privilege of being a child of the King.

- Aren't we blessed tonight? I know we aren't princes or kings, but we have the blessed privilege of being seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The rich and powerful of this world seek what we have. There is a longing in the heart and soul of a man that only Jesus can fulfill. We have that! All that we are and all that we enjoy is a blessing from the good hand of God. One day we shall lay aside this robe of flesh and behold Him!

**Conclusion:** If you are saved tonight, you are blessed beyond measure. There is no way we could count the blessings God has given us. I trust you have been reminded of what you have received. Let us be eternally grateful to the Lord for His abundant goodness in our lives.

If you do not know Christ as your Savior and Lord, you can't identify with the blessings I have tried to share. You remain in sin, separated from the Lord. He desires you to be saved and enjoy these many blessings as well. Will you respond to the call for salvation and come to Christ by faith? He is waiting to save you today and place you within the family as well.