

## Christ, the All-Sufficient One – Part 1

### Psalm 18

#### Introduction:

1. Have you ever felt like you were in an impossible situation and there was no way out? That is the situation that David was in, but David had experienced a great deliverance from the Lord. vs. 6-7, 16-19
2. This psalm is a song of victory after David's deliverance. It is clear as you read this psalm that David is a picture of his seed (Israel) that in the last days will gain a great deliverance (vs. 50). This psalm is a fascinating psalm dealing with the last days, the day of the Lord and Christ's Second Coming to earth.
3. But I want to bring out something very practical from this psalm. As David went through his incredible trial, he found that the Lord was the all-sufficient One. vs. 1-3
4. Did you know that the Bible declares our Savior, Jesus Christ, to be the Lord of lords? Thomas worshipped Him and said, *"My Lord and my God."* Jesus Christ was Jehovah God manifest in the flesh. Jesus said, *"Before Abraham was, I am."*  
**John 8:58**
5. If you have believed on Christ as your Lord and Savior, **Colossians 2:9-10** says this: *"For in him (Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him."*
  - Through faith in Christ, you were placed in Him and you were given Christ's very life. All that you need to live victoriously is found in Christ. You lack nothing!
6. But my position of completeness in Christ does not automatically guarantee me victory. I must know how to **use** what I have been given in Christ.
  - **Illustration:** somebody gives me a multi-function boom box. All that I need to listen to CD's, radio, or even cassettes is there, but I must know how to use it. The problem isn't with the box, but with my understanding in how to use it.
7. How do I learn how to use what I have been given in Christ? Through God's Word. It reveals to me what I have been given and how to use it.
  - If I am saved, I have the power of Christ living within me, and I have God's instruction on how to tap into, use, or appropriate that power.
8. As you read Psalm 18, Jesus Christ is never mentioned by the name "Jesus Christ." Yet, as a believer on Christ, you should see Christ all through this psalm. The Bible is a Book about Jesus Christ. It all points to Him. He is the focus and central figure.  
**Luke 24:27**
9. We have an advantage that David didn't have. David many times had to look at circumstances to see all that the Lord was and to see His mighty power. We don't have to look at circumstances to understand what we have in Christ.
10. God's Word has lifted the veil. We no longer see through a glass darkly. We hold in our hands God's completed Word and it gives us full understanding of who we are in Christ and what we possess in Christ. Let's examine **Psalm 18:2** and see this.

#### Christ is our Rock

1. David used this term several times in reference to the Lord. **Psalm 40:2**

- The idea is that God had lifted him up out of a mudhole and put his feet on solid footing. He now had a solid foundation.
2. As we read God's Word we learn that this is exactly what Christ is to us. Have you ever heard the hymn, "The Solid Rock?" **1 Corinthians 10:4**
  3. Christ is our rock. He is the foundation that our entire life is built upon. If your life is built upon anything other than your relationship to Jesus Christ, you have a shaky foundation. **1 Corinthians 3:11**
    - Christ has lifted us from the mudhole of sin, saved us, and rooted us in Him. **Acts 4:11-12**
  4. You may be here today and feel like you are sinking and drowning in a sea of difficult circumstances. This is when you must go to God's Word and say, "No, I am not sinking. Jesus is my Savior. He is my foundation. I am on the Rock of ages. He doesn't change." vs. 31
  5. You are complete in Christ. He is the all-sufficient One.

### **Christ is our Fortress**

1. A fortress in Bible days was a place of defense, safety, and security. For example, a castle or a fort would be a fortress (pictures). cf. **Psalm 71:3**
2. Paul called believers today in this time of grace "the building of God" (**1 Corinthians 3:9**). He also taught that God Himself inhabits this building. **Ephesians 2:22**
3. David said that God was his strong habitation that he could continually resort to. Today you don't have to flee to God as your resort. He actually indwells you in the person of Christ and His Spirit. **Colossians 1:27** says, "*Christ in you, the hope of glory.*"
  - If Christ lives in you, you have constant 24-hour-a-day security. **Romans 8:9-10**
4. You received His Spirit the moment you believed on Him, and you are sealed with His Spirit until His coming. **Ephesians 4:30**
5. You have security in Christ! He is our fortress. When trouble comes, you don't have to (in your mind) flee to Him and try and get His attention. He lives **in you**, to walk **with you** through the problems and trials of life. You are complete in Him. He is all-sufficient.

### **Christ is our deliverer.**

1. David had experienced a great deliverance from the enemy, and so he cries out, "Lord, you are my deliverer." Notice that David was delivered from the sorrows of death and the sorrows of hell. vs. 4-6
2. Today, the enemies of death and hell have been forever defeated and overcome. How? By the appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **2 Timothy 1:10**
3. Jesus lived a sinless life and then died the death that we deserve, to die on the cross. Three days later He rose from the dead. He has abolished death and brought life. The enemies of death and hell were too strong for us, so Christ defeated them for us. vs. 17

4. The moment you trust Him to be your Savior, Christ delivers you from the penalty of your sin, He delivers you from eternal death and hell. **Colossians 1:13-14; Galatians 1:4**
5. **Hebrews 2:14-15** are so insightful. You do not have to fear death. You don't have to fear incurring God's wrath and judgment for eternity. Jesus Christ was delivered for our offences that He might deliver us and give to us eternal life.

**We are complete in Christ. Christ is the all-sufficient One!**

*(Next week we will examine part 2 of this message.)*