

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Clay Morris

Song Leader
Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper
Daniel Allgor, Bill Rinehart,
Joseph Barry

Prayers
Randy Ellis, Rodney Ellis

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements
Rodney Ellis

Song Leader
Alan Blaylock

Prayers
Jack Calvert, Bill Rinehart

Invitation
Willie Standokes

ABOUT US

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Jon Barry Mike Davis
Clay Morris

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Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.

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Bible Study7:00 P.M

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Psalm 18
Jarrold Jacobs

“I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies The Lord liveth and blessed be my rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted” (Ps. 18:3, 46). If you sang those verses as you read them, you are truly a blessed person. Though we will never know the tune (or cadence) to which David set Psalm 18, modern men have set some of this psalm to music that allows us to sing it.

Psalm 18 was David’s cry of thanksgiving after being delivered from Saul. It has the unique position of being a psalm quoted almost entirely in II Samuel 22 also. When reading First Samuel, we know David was chased by Saul for a while when it was clear that he was to be king instead of Jonathan (I Sam. 18:10-26:25). When David killed Goliath, the women sang, “Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands” (I Sam. 18:7). After this event, and seeing how the people responded to David, Saul became jealous and was determined to kill him. Thankfully, this did not happen. At the

same time, David was faced with opportunities to kill Saul, but refused to kill the “Lord’s anointed.” As a result, God caused an end to the hostilities when Saul was made aware that his life could have been taken by David, but it wasn’t (I Sam. 26:21).

An interesting fact about this Psalm is that some suggest the original word used was not “Saul” but “Sheol” (grave) that was used in that first paragraph. This was referred to in Psalm 18:5, also. If it was actually David praising God for delivering him from the grave, it must certainly include praise for his deliverance from Saul because Saul wanted to kill him! Either way, (whether Saul or Sheol) David’s praise and gratitude to God are just as real, as vibrant, and this attitude needs to be seen today!

I find it fascinating that the praise David gives God in verse 2 is repeated throughout the psalm. David speaks of God as ...

NOTE: Loving God with all your heart does not mean loving Him with all thy blood pump.

10. PRESUMES. Esther 7:5 says: "...Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?"

11. DESPISES. 2 Samuel 6:16 Says: "...And she despised him in her heart."

12. OBEY FROM THE HEART. In Rom. 6:17-18 Paul said: "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

13. LIVES FOR EVER. Psalms 22:26 says: "...your heart shall live for ever." NOTE: None of the above things that the heart does can be done by the physical heart (blood pump). We must not think of the heart as ordinarily used in the Scriptures as such. Let each of us examine our hearts and search our souls daily and do our utmost to have "an honest and good heart" so that we will hear the word, keep it, & bring forth fruit with patience. (CRS)

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen, and Pete Rowland.*

Rock (v. 2, 31, 46) – not a mere pebble, but a large rock where thousands might stand and even build their homes! Think of Matthew 16:18. This rock will stand!

Fortress (v. 2) – In other words, He's a fortified refuge for God's people! They have a place to go when they need protection and comfort.

Deliverer (v. 2, 17, 19, 40, 43, 48, 50) – He delivers us from the danger and sin in this world if we let Him.

Strength (v. 2, 17b, 29, 32, 34, 39) – Since we are weak, He provides strength!

Buckler/Shield (v. 2, 30, 35) – He has the shield to help us when Satan attacks. In Ephesians, Paul wants all Christians to carry the "shield of faith" to "quench the fiery darts (arrows) of the wicked" (Eph. 6:16).

Horn (v. 2, 33-34) – just as an animal's horn is used for protection, so God is that "horn of salvation," protecting us from spiritual dangers, like Satan, while we are on earth.

High Tower (v. 2) – though the term "tower" is not used, the reference to God being "on

high" or above us is seen in verses 13-14, and 16.

David learned about God from experience. Have we learned to trust in God as David did? If not, why not? He loves and cares for us and we need to turn to Him for everything in this life!

Resist The Devil & He Will Flee From You Carrol R. Sutton

James 4:7 says: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." In the garden of Eden the serpent (the devil) deceived Eve and she yielded to temptation and sinned. (See Gen. 3:1-6; 2Cor. 11:3). We are told in I Peter 5:8-9 to "Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith..." NOTE: We learn from these verses that the devil is our adversary and is seeking to devour us. In view of this we should be sober and vigilant and resist him steadfast in the faith.

HOW CAN WE RESIST THE DEVIL?

1. By appealing to the Word of God! When Jesus was tempted of Satan as recorded in Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13 & Lk. 4:1-13 He faced three major temptations and in each of them He appealed to the Word of God. Although He had fasted 40 days and nights and was hungry, instead of turning stones into bread at the suggestion of the devil, He said: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Cf. Deut. 8:3). When Jesus was on the pinnacle of the temple and Satan said: "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone", Jesus replied: "It is written again, Thou

shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." (Cf. Deut. 6:16). When Jesus was shown all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, and Satan said: "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me", Jesus replied: "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." NOTE: Mt. 4:11 says: "Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him."

2. By fleeing! When tempted to commit "fornication" we should "flee". to 1Cor. 6:18 & 2 Tim. 2:22. When we are tempted to practice "idolatry", we should "flee". 1 Cor. 10:14 & 1 John 5:21. When we are tempted to commit other sins, we should "flee these things". to 1 Tim. 6:11.

3. By watching and praying! Jesus said: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mt. 26:41). When we are tempted to sin, let us remember that we should appeal to the Word of God or flee or watch and pray! The nature of the temptation will determine the approach we should use in resisting the temptation.

The Heart Carrol R. Sutton

Many people confuse the physical heart within their chest cavities with the spiritual heart that is more frequently discussed in the Scriptures. Some of this misunderstanding may be cleared up if we consider what it does. Here are some things it does.

1. THINKS. Proverbs 23:7 says: "for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Esther 6:6 says: "Now Haman thought in his heart..." Mt. 9:4

says: "And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?" Jesus also said: "...for out of the heart proceed evil thoughts..." (Mt. 15:19). NOTE: Although the physical blood pump does not do so, the heart thinks!

2. UNDERSTANDS. Isaiah 32:4 says: "The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge..." Also see Job 38:36.

3. KNOWS. Joshua 23:14 says: "...and ye know in all your hearts..." Prov. 14:10 says: "The heart knoweth his own bitterness..."

4. REASONS. Mark 2:6 Says: "But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts". In verse 8 Jesus asked them: "Why reason ye these things in your hearts?" NOTE: They could and did reason in their hearts. It is obvious that this reasoning was not being done by the physical heart.

5. BELIEVES. Romans 10:10 says: "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness..." Also see Acts 8:37. NOTE: One should certainly realize that he believes with his heart, but not with his physical blood pump.

6. DESIRES. Romans 10:1 says: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."

7. PURPOSES. Paul said: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give..." (2 Cor. 9:7).

8. DEVISES. "A man's heart deviseth his way..." (Prov. 16:9).

9. LOVES. Jesus said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (ML 22:37).