

2Samuel 22:47–51

“God Glorified as Christ's (and Our) Avenger and Deliverer”

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47 “The LORD lives!
Blessed be my Rock!
Let God be exalted,
The Rock of my salvation!

48 It is God who avenges me,
And subdues the peoples under me;

49 He delivers me from my enemies.
You also lift me up above those who rise against me;
You have delivered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles,
And sing praises to Your name.

51 “He is the tower of salvation to His king,
And shows mercy to His anointed,
To David and his descendants forevermore.”

Main Idea: Enmity is an occasion for God to be glorified in avenging us, and trouble is an occasion for God to be glorified in delivering us. When we love His glory and are sure of it as the outcome, we are freed to trust Him, love our enemies, and rejoice in the midst of suffering.

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Second Samuel 22 versus 47 through 51 as our portion. So let's ask God for his help in it. Our father in heaven. We thank you for this part of your word. We pray that your spirit would bless us to us that you would stir up our faith in Christ that Christ would be glorified.

And you in him that we would be made like him unto his glory to help us now as we preach and help us. Now, as we hear where we ask it in his name, men, second Samuel, 22 versus 47 through 51. These are God's words. You always lives blessed to be my rock.

Let God be exalted, the rock of my salvation. It is God. Who avengers me and subdues, the people's under me. He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me. You have delivered me from the violent man. Therefore I will give thanks to you among the Gentiles and sing praise to your name.

He is the tower of salvation to his king and shows mercy to his anointed to David and to his descendants forever. More. Amen.

So this is conclusion to David's great psalm that responds to the role of God's mercies in his life and summarizes all of God's mercies and his life. We haven't installed 18, we have it here in second, Samuel 22 and the climax of the praise of God, identifies God, especially as two things, avenger and deliverance of his people.

But especially avenger of his king defender of his people. But especially sorry deliverer of his people, especially deliverer of his king. And this is, especially of David as king, but of Jesus, as the great king the forever king. We see at the end of the passage he is the tower of salvation to his king and shows mercy to his anointed to David and his descendants forever more and the word.

Descendants there in the Hebrew is the word seed which appears in the singular and it can mean many descendants, but when it says to his anointed, which is the word Messiah, which is the word Christ Messiah, being an angelization English. Yeah, that word of Hebrew and Christ, being an endlessization of the Greek.

When he says, he is the tower of salvation to his king and shows mercy to his Christ to David and his seed forever more. And we know from the New Testament that sometimes when it is obvious, that that seed

is Jesus, it's singular on purpose because yes, it belongs to us, but it only belongs to us because it belongs to him.

And when we come to belong to him, and he to us, then it belongs to us, too. But only in Jesus. And so, it is Jesus, especially as the God, man, as the son of David as the Messiah who is attacked by the people's and avenged upon the people's who is attacked with violence and delivered raised up from those attacks.

And so, as David leads us, and really Christ through David leads us to the end of this psalm of phrase, in the climax of the praise, he especially glorifies God as two things, verses 48 as Avenger and verse 49 as deliverer and it has God as a vendor to which he responds.

Yahweh lives blessed to be my rock, let God be exalted, the rock of my salvation and it is God as deliverer to which he responds. Yahweh lives. Blessed me my rock, let God be exalted the rock of my salvation. Now as Christians we want to give God thanks and praise for saving us in the Lord.

Jesus Christ. We love as glory. We want them to be glorified and we want him to be glorified the way. He defines his glory in the way he declares his glory. One of the things we learned, as we go along, is that our own definitions of God's glory, in our own declarations of God's glory are not to be compared to his and are only valuable so far as they participate in the way, God defines his glory, and in the way God declares his glory.

Well, here he declares his glory, especially as avenger and deliverer. Now, quite literally that means problems for us because God can't be glorified as our avenger unless we have enemies and attackers. And God cannot be glorified as our deliverer unless we have trouble to be delivered from however, since you already know that you have enemies and attackers and since you already know that you have troubles, you may now rejoice by seeing them in light of God's purpose for his glory.

The reason you have enemies and attackers is because God intends to be glorified as your revenger, the reason Christ to bring it closer, even to the text and you in him and you for your for his sake. The reason Christ has enemies and attackers is for God to be glorified as his anointed his kings of injure.

And so someone or some ones, or some nation or some raging horde of false religionists, as you probably, several of you who know a little bit of world history and know a little bit of church history have different I moments and times and then also in our own time and our own day, does not the Lord Jesus have his enemies, not just in the nation.

But in the churches, many of them. Are those things that go by those names? Even the apostle, remember, just in Philippians wrote, he told the Philippians with verse that. There are those in the churches who buy their error or by their immorality lived as enemies of the cross of Christ.

And yes, that is a grief to us. But when God brings us to the climax of phrase at the end of second Samuel, he also helps us by giving us another way to understand it, and a helpful way to approach it. Every enmity, every attack against Jesus is a circumstance and occasion for God to be glorified in avenging, his king and his people and so we can see the attacks on his church, the attacks on Christ.

Even by errors in the church and we can say God you have brought this about to glorify yourself as the vindicator of your son and we can praise him for what he is going to do there and we can praise him even past tense for the many times he has done it that look forward to his ultimate and final climactic vindicating of his name and of his son and his son's glory in the last day.

Well justice God in order to be glorified as a vendor, there have to be enemies. And this is one of the reasons there are such a thing is enemies and attackers God to ignorified as deliverer for God to be glorified. As our deliverer. There has to be that from which we are delivered.

The enemies feature prominently in verse 49 as well. But it works for other deliverance. But here in this case, deliverance from violence. And since we know that it is of Christ deliverance, even from death, and that marvelous passage in Revelation, where they loved not their lives, even unto death as almost immediately followed by, they overcame by the blood of the lamb and by the word of his testimony.

Well, they didn't overcome by not dying. They came, they overcame by dying a death, that could not conquer them. A death that itself was conquered and we know that we shall rise again. Even as Christ already has risen again, in which he was declared the son of God with power and so whatever trouble you're in part of the reason you're in that trouble is because in your union, with Jesus Christ, for Jesus is sake, because Jesus has earned it, God will deliver you out of that trouble.

Think about any of your troubles. Now, whatever they are even especially for perhaps your own sin. Will it still be there? A hundred thousand years. Hence, well, it still be here. A hundred years. Hence, there will be no sin and when the Lord Jesus appears and we don't know how long until then but math can't go as far as as eternity, it tries but it just gets descriptive and weird.

Trust me, we could talk about it later but there will be no more sin. He will wipe every tear from your eyes. There will be no more sorrow, there'll be no more suffering. There'll be no more death, every single trouble you have as one who is united to Christ by faith is time, limited it will expire.

And part of its purpose will be seen to glorify God as the one who delivered you out of it. Is that not a great comfort to you? Dear Christian. That part of the purpose for every one of your trials is for you to be delivered and for God to be glorified as your deliverer, and you can already praise him with second Samuel, 22 and saw 18 and dozens of other passages that he has given you to sing.

And to pray as the one who has delivered you out of the trouble. You're still in, it's a glorious gospel. It's the kind of thing that a jailer and not to mention the inmates who when they were freed decided to stick around. Then hang out with those guys who were able to sing like that in the bottom of the jail.

And that's the gospel that we believe, that's the Christ in whom we believe. And as he prays as his father with this song. So we in union with him, very praise him with this song as well, glorifying God as our avenger. And so now you know one of the reasons why there are enemies why there are attacks and are deliverer, you know, one of the reasons for every one of your troubles, even your own remaining said that you might be delivered even from its presence until it is no more.

Let's praise our God and ask him for his help. Our God, we do praise, you our rock. You, we want you to be exalted. You are the rock of our salvation as you live forever. And as you are our heritage, we rejoice to know from your word to sing and praise from your word that you are, our vendor that you are our deliverer that the enemies will be defeated and destroyed.

And we will have no enemies in the new heavens and the newer. And that there will be no sin, no sorrow, no suffering, no death, but you will have delivered us from every one of our troubles. We pray Lord that you would help us. We realize that one of the reasons why we do poorly under the stress of attack or under the stress of trouble is that we have not loved, we do not love your glory enough and so we do not get enough comfort out of the fact that you are being glorified as our avenger and our delivery.

So we pray that your spirit would continue working out the mind and heart of Christ to whom this song, belongs your spirit would continue working out his mind and his heart and us that we rejoicing over how you are being glorified in avenging us and delivering us would be further enabled whether to love our enemies.

Until the day that you take your vengeance that belongs to you or whatever other right response in the midst of our troubles. Help us to love your glory. In a way that removes from us anxiety and fear and gives us victory and love and obedience and service for. We ask it in Jesus name, amen.