

2Samuel 22:47–51

“Loving God's Glory as Our Avenger and Deliverer”

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How are believers to think about and respond to enmity and trouble? Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. 2Samuel 22:47–51 prepares us for the Evening Sermon on the coming Lord's Day. In these five verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that 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.

Friday, October 8, 2021 ▫ Read 2Samuel 22:47–51

Questions from the Scripture text: What does Yahweh do (v47a)? What does David call Him in v47b? Whose Rock? For what response does He call (v47c)? What does David call Him now in v47b? What does God do for him (v48a)? What else, to whom, under whom (v48b)? What else does the Lord do for David (v49a)? And what else (v49b)? What else has He done (v49c)? What will David therefore do (v50a)? Among whom? What will he do in this thanksgiving (v50b)? What is God in v51a? What does He do in v51b? To whom (v51c)?

As this Psalm closes by a crescendo of praise, it shows itself overtly Messianic. Romans 15:9 quotes v50 as a reference to how Jesus Christ has welcomed Gentiles to Himself to lead them in praising and thanking God.

We've spent much of the "David narrative" in 2Samuel realizing how much we need a greater/forever King as was promised back in chapter 7. But we've also spent much of it observing the great mercy and power of God, Who is a refuge to His people. Now, those things converge at the end of this Psalm as it focuses upon Christ. In Him, the living God is our Rock and Salvation (v47).

One of the acts of obedience that the Lord Jesus offered in our behalf during His trial was entrusting Himself to Him Who judges justly (cf. 1Pet 2:23), and we see the mindset of God's perfected Anointed (Messiah) in v48a. "It is God Who avenges Me!" Not only does He entrust Himself out of confidence in being delivered, but also out of a desire that God would be glorified as His avenger. Just as God has promised in Psalm 2, so now here in v48b the King is confident that the peoples will be subdued under Him.

As we follow Christ in suffering like He, we learn from this section of 2Samuel 22 how crucial it is to have a love for God's glory. He is glorified as our Avenger. He is glorified in lifting us up and delivering us from the violent man. Only let us remember that for Christ, this was ultimately true in His resurrection, ascension, and everlasting reign. And, for many believers, their overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of His testimony comes through their not loving their lives even unto death. But God is glorified by raising us up from and delivering us from all of these things. Let us love His glory.

Of course, there is an even more direct response of love for His glory than suffering well for it. And that is to gather with others who love His glory and offer thanksgiving and singing of praise. Romans 15:9's application of 2Samuel 22:50 (Psalm 18:49) is reminiscent of Hebrews 2:12's application of Psalm 22:22. We see that it is a common biblical theme that one of the great joys of Christ to lead people whom He has redeemed from all the nations to be His brethren, as He praises God.

Ultimately, our worship centers not only upon Who God is in what He has done for us, but especially upon Who God is in what He has done for Christ. Christ is the King of v51a. Christ is the Anointed (Messiah/Christ) Who has been shown covenant love in v51b. Christ is the Seed (singular in the Hebrew! cf. Gal 3:16). One of the great and remaining take-aways from the David narrative is to rejoice in what God has done both through and for His Anointed King.

Where does your love for God's glory show up in your suffering? In your daily and weekly habits? In your desires and enjoyments? How is an increasing love for Christ and identification with Him shaping the way you think about life? About worship?

Sample prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank You for Christ's perfect trusting of You and love for Your glory. Our only hope for righteousness is that You count this for us together with all of His obedience and atonement. And we praise You that You perfectly avenge and enthrone Him in covenant love. Make us love Your worship as He does, as we offer You thanksgiving and praise through Him, together with this and all of our prayers, now and forever, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP2 "Why Do Gentile Nations Rage?" or TPH374 "All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name"

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Samuel. 22 versus 47 through 51. These are God's words. Y'all lives blessed to be my rock. Let God be exalted. The rock of my salvation that 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. Oh, y'all way among the Gentiles? Then sing praises to your name. Here's the tower of salvation to his king then shows mercy to his anointed to David and his seed forever more so far.

The reading of God's inspired and generate word, you may have noticed as you're following along in your Bibles that instead of descendants plural, we read seed singular. The end of verse 51, that is because the word seed and the Hebrew can mean singular or plural. But in the New Testament, speaking of Abraham and his seed, It makes the point that often, or at least in that one case.

But we see the same thing often in the Old Testament. The word seed singular is, especially talking about Jesus. And it does talk about us to the extent that we belong to Jesus. And so, Jesus is the seed who will crush the woman's head, and God will soon cross the serpent under our feet.

So Romans chapter 15, but it first and foremost belongs to Jesus and only belongs to us again. Jesus is the seed who is the air? HEIR, the one who rightfully inherits and we are offspring in Christ who are joint heirs with him, but it only belongs to a secondary.

God shows his steadfast love to his anointed, which means in the Hebrew or an anglicization of it is Messiah or in Greek would be Christ. He says steadfast love covenant and love to his Christ today. David and his seed forever more the the Lord Jesus. Here is the anti-type, the great, and ultimate one to him, the type, David looked forward.

He is the king 51a. He is the Christ 51b. He is the seed, 51c. In fact, the praise that we see on David's lips. I was perfectly thought and sung by Christ. Some things that that David saying the reference to forgiveness of sins. The Lord Jesus has to sing and pray in union with us because we are the ones who have said.

And yet this would have taught our dear Lord as he grew and wisdom and favor with God. And with men, what he was accomplishing and the joy to which he was looking forward, the joy that was set before him even as he despised the shame and endured the cross for that joy, that was set before him just as David.

And his story was one of having many enemies and being in many dangers, even of death. So, also that looked forward to our Lord Jesus, having many enemies, in fact, the enemy and all sinners as his enemies. And a great part of the gospel romance chapter 5 tells us, is that we who had been loved from before the world began and yet in our sin and sinfulness where enemies to Christ.

He loved us and gave his life for us. And so Jesus had a life story in this world and a climax of not just having enemies and being in danger of death, but of laying down his life unto death. And yet he had authority to lay a day out and he had authority to take it up again and he was raised from the dead.

And beginning of Romans chapter 1 tells us that this displayed him to be the son of God with power and God receiving the sacrifice of his son and raising him up and there's no conflict. The scripture says that Jesus raised himself up and the scripture says that God raised him up.

And the scripture says that the father raised him up. But there's no conflict in this at all, because Jesus is God, and he raised himself up and the father, and the son, and the spirit are three persons. But one God, and in everything, they do in our world, they do in perfect union as the one got.

And so the praise here, that belongs to God belongs. To God the Father, this God, the Son, and God the Spirit. You can see this climax of praise, this great psalm that describes, the goodness and power of God, and the life of David, looking forward to the goodness and power of God and the life of our Lord.

Jesus. The king the Christ, the seed, and therefore for us in Christ. And for us from Christ in our own lives and our own troubles, in our own death, with our own enemies. The song describing the praise of God in his goodness and power in our lives. And so we learned here how to think about our enemies and our troubles.

And we learn here how to respond to our enemies and our troubles. So she begins in verse 47. Y'all, we lives blessed to be my rock. Let God be exalted. The rock of my salvation. Go away himself, is his rock of salvation? Y'all is his God and he's praising.

The Lord for vengeance, verse 48 and deliverance. Verse 49 vengeance has to do with our enemies. Those who hate us and won't to destroy us. This is what the devil has been even from before the fall. Adam was made in the image of God and the devil hates God, and hates his image and hates Adam.

He is the murderer from the beginning. He is a liar and the father of it. And when he lies, he speaks from his own characters as scripture and this lie was first and foremost in order to murder. And so verse 48 tells us that the glory of God as the living God and the rock, the exalted one, the God of our salvation, the glory of God from verse 47.

And those four things is his glory. As our avenger, it has God who avenges me and subdue the people's under me, of course, that applies to Christ and applies to us with him. Sometimes we like to tell our littlest one when she is talking about how she would like to be a princess that those who belong to God

and Jesus Christ.

As he has set his sign up on her or already declared from heaven, to be a princess. And those who belong to God in Jesus Christ, through faith are adopted into being everlasting, princess and princesses who rule with Christ. That will be a marvelous kingdom in which all of the people that is the redeemed are of the ruling class.

And the rest is just the new heavens, the new earth and the angels who are the servant class tells us the scripture, which is astonishing to think about. And yet here it is primarily God who avenges Christ God, the Avenger. So when you have enemies, you should remember that.

No enemy will remain that way forever for God's people that God will surely eventually of his people. And that one great reason for you to have this enmity for you to be the object of such hatred, is that God would get glory as your avenger. And so if you love his glory and you know, one of the ways that he is glorified is by being your avenger, your defender, the one who makes things, right?

The one who pays back a near behalf. Then when you have enemies, you will not be in. You will not be anxious and you will not be fearful. You will rejoice over God, that he and has wisdom has the situation in which to glorify himself as your avenger. That's how to think about your situation and it'll keep you from doing things that many do when they feel like they have no avenger.

And they feel like they have to make the situation right for themselves and they feel like they have to pay back for themselves. People who feel like that often obsess about how to get back or get out or pay back. The one who has become an enemy to them.

You don't need to do that because that's why God glorifies himself. And that situation by making himself, your revenger, that actually frees you to love your enemy. The end of remnant 12. It tells us that when you do that, you keep burning coals upon his head. So if you're loving your enemy and God saves your enemy, you rejoice that the enemy was killed at the cross of Jesus Christ and has been raised again.

And with Jesus, as another person, what a marvelous way for the enemy to be destroyed and if not, you're loving your enemy will increase, their guilt will increase the vengeance that belongs to the Lord for his. Payback will magnify the glory of God as he pays back in your behalf.

So if you love God's glory as your avenger and as if you see situation with a your enemy as an opportunity in the wisdom and providence of God to glorify himself as your Avenger, it actually frees you to serve God in that situation and love your enemy more. Well, God's glorified, not only is our Avenger verse 48 but also as our deliverer, he delivers me from my enemies.

You also lift me up above those who rise against me. You have delivered to me from the violent man. And so this also is with enemies, but it's with a focus on us. When we are in a situation that threatens even death. The Lord is giving us, and has providence and opportunity for him to be glorified as our deliverer.

As the one who gets us out, is the one who saves us, redeems us turns it for our good makes it. So that we bless his name for having gone through it, because we have known what it was to rest in him. And to rejoice that he is about to be glorified as a deliverer.

If you're a Christian, when you're in trouble or when you are, even if it's sickness or if it's war or if it's financial trouble or neediness of some kind or your weakness or inability and a particular situation, whatever kind of trouble it is, you know that your troubles days are numbered.

Are there going to be troubles in glory? Are there going to be troubles for us and then you heavens in the new earth? Will he not wipe every tear from our eyes? Will he not have made us holy and banished in? Will there be any enemies remaining even death itself?

The last enemy which will be defeated and cast into the lake of fire, of course not. And so all of our troubles are time limited and will come to an end. The purpose of a trouble is for us to be delivered out of them and for God to be glorified, is our deliverer.

And so you can welcome your trouble. You can say, ah, trouble here you are. As God has a pointed from my deliverance and for his glory and delivering me and it may take some time and we being finite and impatient and weak in our current state may find that the time feels very long and you can cry out to God.

God give me eyes of eternity. Give me eyes for your glory. Make me love the fact of your deliverance future. Though it may be make me love the length of my uninterrupted blessedness eternal as it is but future may though it be make me love your glory and delivering me from this trouble.

So that I may rejoice and marvel already at your fulfilling, your purpose. Now, there are the reasons

for troubles. You use this troubles to convert others or to give us the privilege of having been used in their converting uses troubles to glorify himself in the work. He's already done in us by his answering does prayers and making us to suffer patiently.

He uses troubles to sank, to fire us to grow us in the holiness of resting upon him rejoicing in in him. He uses troubles to chase in us to arrest us and bring to mind sin. That must be mortified and there are many other reasons, but one reason is so that you will be glorified as our delivery.

And that is always one. One reason and here at the climax of this psalm of phrase, second Samuel, 22 or saw 18. Where the psalm is also found at the climax, she's praising God for God's glory as our deliverer out of trouble and we can view our trouble that way.

And if we learn to love God's glory as our avenger and throughout the rest of your life, when someone rises up against you as an enemy, you may think rightly in that situation and confidently enjoyesly about the glory of God that will come from it. And you can imitate your Lord, Jesus, who even on the cross, despise the shame for the joy, but endured it patiently for the joy set before him with the Lord grant to us.

Also to do so, with all of our enemies and all of our crosses knowing the he has joined us to, as verse 51 calls him his king, his Christ proceed. Let's pray. Well, thank you. Father for bringing us to yourself and this portion of your word on this particular day and teaching us as your children.

We pray that your spirit who makes us to call you father and who has brought us to you through faith in Christ that he would produce in us. That child like love for your honor and your glory that child like confidence in you as both avenger and deliver and that being taught by your spirit, from your words, to love your glory, that we might respond.

Well, and have even the joy of Christ in the midst of all of our troubles, for the rest of this life, we thank you that. The rest of this life is the only length of time that we will have the trouble. And so, as you glorify yourself in our lives day today, we pray that you would do all that is necessary to bring us to the time when our troubles are ended.

And when our love for your glory has been perfected, grant it, we ask in Jesus name. Amen.