

2Samuel 5:17–25

“Our Speaking, Saving, Sovereign God and King”

What does God show about Himself, as He saves through His promised King? Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. In these nine verses, we learn that God displays Himself as the speaking and guiding God, the mightily delivering God, and the manifoldly wise God.

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Questions from the Scripture text: Who heard what in v17 (cf. v3)? What did they do? And who heard of that? And what did he do? Where else did the Philistines go (v18)? Of Whom does David inquire (v19)? What two specific questions does he ask? What combined answer does Yahweh give? What does v20 now call the Valley of Rephaim? How did it get that name? What did the Philistines abandon as they were fleeing (v21)? Who did what with them? What did the Philistines do (again!?) in v22? What did David do again (v23)? What was Yahweh's answer this time (v23–24)? What was the result (v25)?

Saul tried to do things his own way (1Sam 13, 15), and Israel suffered. So God provided for Himself a man after His own heart (1Sam 13:14, 15:28), by whom He promised to save His people (cf. 2Sam 3:18). Now, in 5:17–25, we get our first taste of that salvation by the hand of the newly anointed (cf. v3) king.

The Philistines have heard about the anointing (v17a) and think they'd better make a preemptive strike against this newly united Israel. They go hunting for David (v17b), David takes up a fortified position, the Philistines hole up in Rephaim (v18), and the ensuing conflict teaches us several remarkable things about our God.

Our God is the speaking, guiding God. First, David is the anti-Saul. We have seen him inquire of Yahweh several times (e.g. cf. 1Sam 23:2, 2Sam 2:1), and as king he continues to do the same. One of the ways that God works in our lives is by giving us the guidance of His Word and giving us the desire to seek that guidance. He reminds us here that He is the speaking, guiding God.

Our God is the powerful, delivering God. It was Yahweh who broke through the Philistines like a breakthrough of water (v20). It was Yahweh who went before David to strike the camp of the Philistines (v24). David “defeated” them in v20, and “drove back the Philistines” in v25, but these battles are reminiscent of the conquest, in which Yahweh did much of the battling Himself.

Finally, our God is the wisely and creatively planning God. Idols are the creations of man (v21), but God Himself is the great Author and Creator. So, when David faces an identical situation (v22, cf. v18), Yahweh gives a very different answer (v23, cf. v19). Who is dull and wicked enough to find Him boring? Even the cue of “the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees” (v24) is so interestingly creative! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And His truth is always the same. But His work can be marvelously varied.

And even having saved us by David's greater Son, God still guides and delivers His people in His wise and interesting plan! He is worthy of your inquiry, and your trust, and your praise.

Where can you find God's Word? How should you respond to His power? To His wisdom/creativity?

Suggested songs: ARP23B “The Lord's My Shepherd” or TPH195 “Shine Thou Upon Us Lord”

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Second Samuel 5 verse 17 through 25, these are God's words. Now when the flesh is heard that they had anointed David King over Israel. All the flustans went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. The listings also went and deployed themselves in the valley of Raphaim.

So David inquired of Yahweh saying so I go up against the fliscence. Will you deliver them into my hand? And you always said to David go up for I will doubt let's deliver the flintstones into your hand. So David went to ball parrot scene and David defeated them there and he said you always has broken through my enemies for me like a breakthrough of water.

Four he called the name of that place ball paratene. And they left their images there and David and his men carried them away. Then the flu symptoms went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rafaim. Therefore David inquired of Yahweh and said and he said you shall not go up circle round behind them and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees and until be when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you should advance quickly.

For then you always will go out before you to strike the camp of the flu symptoms. And David did so as you all wake commanded him. And he drove back the flips from Cuba as far as gazer. So far the reading of gods inspired and inequaled.

Well the Lord had said that he would. Be saving Israel by David's hands he looked back and chapped three. You will see abner reminding the people of what they have heard and that is you always spoken of David verse 18 by the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel from the hand of the flistons and the hand of all their enemies, so here is the first part of that starting to be.

Fulfilled, of course, the Lord had already defeated. Flissense multiple times by the hand of David but here is the first time after he's been anointed King. Earlier in the chapter the tribes have anointed David as their new king and the flistens here about that anointing so over 17 now when the flistons heard that they had anointed David King over Israel, which of course the northern tribes joined the southern tribe in doing in verse 3.

And the listings go and they deploy themselves in the valley of Rafael now here's a difference between Saul who is a king after the people's own

art remember he was the one that God gave them when the people said give us a king like the other nations so he gave them one that has hadn't shoulders above everybody else one who does things his own way one who disobeyed the Lord's commands so forth, but we see.

Twice here that when the flistons go to Raphaim in verse 18. David and chloras have you all in verse 19? When the day for listings go to Rafaim in verse 22 David inquires of Yahweh in verse 23, so the first thing we see about how God saves by the end of David is by revealing himself as the speaking and guiding God one of the differences between David and Saul is that David treasures are prizes values the fact that Yahweh is one of whom he can inquire and Yahweh has one who speaks to it, the Lord is also one to whom we can bring our problems.

He invites us even commands us to pray to him and he has spoken to us every word of scripture. So he loves to reveal himself or he reveals himself just please reveal himself as the speaking and guiding God which he does in this chapter for David in which he does in our lives and so we know that he is glorified by our praying and our studying his word and our listening to and obeying his work.

He also reveals himself as the God who is both powerful in enabling us to do what he calls us to do and even without us and especially without us that he loves to display his own power. So if you look at both of these defeats of the flu symptoms.

David is asking will you deliver them into my hand and? You always says to David we're 19. I will doubt let's deliver the blistons into your hand and David gives the place a new name master of bursting through and he gives it that name or 20 saying you all why has burst through my enemies before me like a bursting of water, it's a very vivid word picture by which he gave the place its name.

And it reminds us the the Lord himself is the one who is powerful and again. Verse 24, when you hear the sound of the margin of the top of the motorway trees are the bands quickly for then you all the way will go out before you to strike the camp with a flitzens so there's an emphasis here on God and is almighty power that he doesn't just enable us although we need him to or we wouldn't have any ability whatsoever but that in addition to what he enables us to do he exercises his almighty power on our path, so he is the speaking and guiding God and he is the powerful and, Delivering God and then he's also the wise and creative God, he doesn't do the same thing the same way all the time.

And so when things don't seem exactly like they did before we ought not panic because it was often our wise gods plan to do things differently very very similar situations in the two deliverances here the listings go up to FIU and then again the listings go up to Rafael David in cars if you always inquires if you always.

First time you always says go up but the second time he says do not go up circle round behind and the Lord gives a different signal and the battle goes according to the different sequence and yet the result is still the Lord powerfully delivers his people and so we must remember that the Lord is free and that he is wise and he often does things in very different ways than he does at other times and, According to different timing and so forth so we can both trust his wisdom even when we are might be tempted to say well this isn't what he did before and also praise his wisdom because he is always carrying it as promises.

And now we have not just David who inquires of Yahweh and does according to what Yahai says although imperfectly but we have Christ who always lifts intercede for us and has perfectly done according to what the Lord says and so we have a human greater mediator and a greater King and our God is pleased to reveal himself.

As our God and in response to our king and our priest the Lord Jesus and our prophet still as the God who speaks to us in this word and guides us the commands us to call upon his name for God who has almighty power to deliver us in the God who is perfectly wise in all of his plans for how every situation will fall out for us.

Come before him together. Our father in heaven we thank you. That you have given us not merely. David but your own son on Lord. Jesus to be our king and our deliverer. And that you reveal yourself as our great savior. Pray that you'd make us quick to call upon your name.

To avail ourselves of prayer that you'd make us. Diligent it's weren't submissive and obeying. We pray that you would. Help us to trust your power and to praise it. Not to be impressed with ourselves or our abilities, but in addition to being entirely dependent upon you for our own power.

That we would hope in your power apart from infinitely beyond ours. Help us so God. To follow the instruction of your word. But not to be discouraged by your providence when it is different in one time than it wasn't a different time. We thank you that you always act according to your character.

So that we can know. That. Whatever you are doing is always perfectly wise and infinitely power powerful and perfectly faithful to your promises to your love. Help us. Lord to remember and these truths about you and to live in light of these truths about you. For we ask it all in Jesus name.