PSALMS 17-18

REVIEW…

- **Psalm** **13** – Learning
  Patience
  - David complained – how long will you Lord forget me…
  - But his trials were how the Lord got his attention – so he would trust the LORD!
- **Psalm** **14** – Way of the
  Fool
  - The fool says in his heart – he does not want to KNOW the LORD…
    - Because he is rejected God – it fool impossible for the to do what is GOOD!
- **Psalm** **15** – Way of the
  Upright
  - Only the upright can dwell in the Tabernacle – the presence of the Lord…
  - But there are none why upright – which is save Jesus came to us!
- **Psalm** **16** – Victory in
  Jesus
  - David prophesied – the Lord would not leave him in the grave…
    - Speaking of Jesus – **Acts 2:27** – the proof this life is not the end!

PSALM 17 – PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

- **1st – Good Prayer… vs. 1**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - A Prayer of David!
    - PRAYER [77 – [תְּפִלָּה]x in OT – common word used to describe talking to the LORD…
    - Only used TWICE in the title of a Psalm – also **PSALM 86**
    - We are not sure the circumstances - WHY David wrote this PRAYER…
    - But we do not WHAT he PRAYED for – PROTECTION from the LORD!
  - 2nd – Hear O Lord…
    - Hear a just cause - O LORD - attend to my cry.
      - Give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips!
      - HEAR - David begged [imperative] the LORD – because of what was RIGHT [צֶדֶק]
      - ATTEND [imperative] to his CRY – because he was desperate…
      - LISTEN [imperative] to his PRAYER – because he was being honest [no deceit]
      - David assumed God would respond – because of he was RIGHT / HONEST!
    - God does NOT listen to our PRAYERS based on who we are…
      - As we saw last week there is no such thing as a GOOD person – **Psalms 14:3**
      - But there is such a things as a GOOD prayer…
      - A GOOD prayer is when we come to the Lord – not because we are RIGHT…
      - But because we understand we are WRONG – and need His GRACE!
      - **Psalm 51:17** – "A broken and a contrite heart – these - O God - You will not despise."
- **2nd – The Proof… vs. 2-5**
  - 1st – Upright… vs. 2
    - Let my vindication come from Your presence. Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright!
    - From Your FACE [פָּנֶיךָ] – let my JUDGEMENT [מִשְׁפָּט] come…
    - The eyes of the LORD – see the things that are RIGHT [equal]
    - David was CONFIDENT that he was in the RIGHT – but he asks God to be the final JUDGE…
    - He understood MAN does not always see things clearly – but the LORD always sees RIGHT!
    - It is almost impossible to see clearly when it comes to our lives…
    - We tend to have a biased perspective – see things in a favorable light towards us!
    - **Proverbs 14:12** – "There is a way that seems right to a man - but its end is the way of death."
  - 2nd – Tested… vs. 3
    - You have tested my heart. You have visited me in the night.
    - You have tried me and have found nothing. I have purposed my mouth shall not transgress!
    - The LORD has already [perfect] TESTED the HEART of David…

- Even at NIGHT – when no one else was around – his HEART was pure…
- How - David was determined to always [perfect] GUARD his MOUTH!
- The TEST of our HEART – is what comes out of our MOUTH…
- Not just when others are listening – even more so when no one else is around [night]
- **Luke 6:45** – "Out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

○ 3rd – Right path… vs. 4-5

- Concerning the works of men - by the word of Your lips….
- I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer.
- Uphold my steps in Your paths - that my footsteps may not slip!
- Works of MEN [אָדָם] – I even I have ALWAYS [perfect] kept away from the PATH of the violent…
- [BUT] - HOLD my STEPS on YOUR path – so my foot does NOT slip!
- David was CONFIDENT he would avoid the BROAD road – **Matthew 7:13**
- At the same time he asked the Lord for HELP - because he knew he could still FALL!
- This turned out to be a powerful foreshadowing of things to come…
- For David would indeed slip on the path – and FALL into sin – **II Samuel 12:7**
- Making the right decisions in life is NOT about knowing what to do…
- We KNOW we are to AVOID the BOARD road – the way of men [אָדָם]
- The KEY – is to ask God to HOLD us while we WALK – because it is easy to FALL!
- **I Corinthians 10:12** – "Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

● **3RD – THE REQUESTS… VS. 6-15**

○ 1st – Show me… vs. 6-7

- I have called upon You - for You will hear me - O God.
  - Incline Your ear to me - and hear my speech.
  - I – even I – call on You - because you ALWAYS [imperfect] hear me…
  - Bend [imperative] Your ear to me – and HEAR [imperative] my speech…
  - David is going to make FOUR request of the LORD in his PRAYER!
- Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand.
  - O You who save those who trust in You from those who rise up against them!
  - LOVINGKINDNESS [חֶסֶד] – the act of LOVING others…
  - How does God show His LOVINGKINDNESS – by SAVING those who TRUST in Him…
  - TRUST [חָסָה] – is an OT equivalent of FAITH [πίστις]!
  - FAITH in His RIGHT HAND – who is Jesus Christ – **I Peter 3:22**

- **I John 4:10** – "This is real love - not that we loved God - but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." [NLT]
- It was the LOVINGKINDNESS of God that drove the Father to sacrifice His Son on the cross...
- The perfect picture of LOVE - the Cross of Jesus Christ…
- It is Love that held Jesus to the cross - so we could be saved from our ENEMY…
- Satan who rises up to make accusations against us – **Revelation 12:10**

- 2nd – Protect me… vs. 8-12
  - Keep me as the apple of Your eye. Hide me under the shadow of Your wings…
    - KEEP [imperative] me as the APPLE [center] of your eye – never look away from me…
    - HIDE [imperative] me under the SHADOW [protection] of your wing – like a little chick!
  - From the wicked who oppress me - from my deadly enemies who surround me.
    - They have closed up their fat hearts. With their mouths they speak proudly.
    - They have now surrounded us in our steps. They have set their eyes…
    - Crouching down to the earth as a lion is eager to tear his prey…
    - And like a young lion lurking in secret places!
    - David wanted the LORD to hide him from King SAUL – **I Samuel 27:1**
    - Who wanted to OPPRESS [violently destroy] him – Like a LION eager to devour his prey!
    - David LEARNED – the ONLY place to find protection was in the LORD…
    - Because when David FIRST ran from SAUL – he did NOT trust in the Lord…
    - He went to the ENEMIES of SAUL for protection – the Philistines…
    - When they decided to kill him – he acted like a Mad man to get out alive…
    - **I Samuel 21:13** – "[He] pretended madness… scratched on the doors… and let his saliva fall down on his beard."
    - God wants us to learn NOT to TRUST in a world that will ALWAYS let us down…
    - To learn NOT to TRUST in ourselves - we will ALWAYS make things worse…
    - Instead to put our TRUST in God - who will NEVER take His eyes off of us…
    - And who has the power to PROTECT us - as we come under His SHADOW!
- 3rd – Arise LORD… vs. 13-14
  - Arise - O LORD - confront him - cast him down.
    - Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword - with Your hand from men…
    - ARISE [imperative] – CONFRONT [piel] my ENEMY – CAST him down [imperative]
    - DELIVER [piel] me with Your SWORD – the Word of God - **Hebrews 4:12**
    - How POWERFUL is His WORD – it formed the UNIVERSE – **Genesis 1:1**
    - And if God can speak GALAXIES into existence with a mere whisper…
    - We can be confident He can also INTENSELY [piel] DELIVER us from our ENEMY!
  - O LORD - from men of the world who have their portion in this life…
    - But satisfy the hunger of your treasured ones - may their children have plenty - leaving an inheritance for their descendants! [NLT]
    - Men of this WORLD – are those who live [portion] for this LIFE…
    - These are the MEN – David was asking the LORD to save him from!
    - God has the POWER to CAST down – those who live for this life….
    - And SATISFY – those who realize it is about ETERNAL life!
    - That does not mean we will be SATISFIED in this life – we are looking to the end…
    - We realize our PORTION is not on earth – it is in heaven – **Hebrews 11:13**
- 4th – Satisfied… vs. 15

- As for me - I will see Your face in righteousness…
- I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness!
- David was CONFIDENT [cohortative] in righteousness [צֶדֶק] – he would see the face of God…
- He would be very SATISFIED [cohortative] when he WOKE up like the LORD!
- SLEEP – here is being used as a euphemism for DEATH…
- When David DIED – He would WAKE up and see the LORD in heaven…
- He would be given a new BODY – that would be just LIKE Jesus!
- **I John 3:2** - "We know that when He is revealed - we shall be like Him."
- Jesus who could walk right through walls - **John 20:19** - who could fly - **Acts 1:9**
- There will be no more pain - no more sickness - no more tears - **Revelation 21:4**
- And this is just the LITTLE we know about our resurrected bodies - **II Corinthians 5:4**
- FAR GREATER than anything we have now – talk about being SATISFIED!
- When we realize it is not about THIS life – it is about ETERNAL life!

Psalm 18 – Victory of the King

- **1st – Worthy of praise… vs. 1-3**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD…
    - Who spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day that the LORD delivered him…
    - From the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul!
    - One of the LONGEST Psalms – there are only THREE that are longer – **Psalm 78 – 89 - 119**
    - It also has one of the longest introductions [only Psalm 60 is longer]
    - CHIEF Musician – the one who plays [piel] the music!
    - David – a SERVANT [עֶבֶד] of the LORD – the OT equivalent of SLAVE [δοῦλος]
    - A SONG of DELIVERANCE – when God gave him victory over Saul…
    - The nearly identical SONG is also recorded in **II Samuel 22**
  - 2nd – Saved… vs. 2-3
    - David LOVED the LORD – because He was:
      - And he said: I will love You - O LORD - my strength.
      - The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.
      - ROCK – what we are standing on – an immovable foundation – **Matthew 7:24**
      - FORTRESS – what surrounds us to keep us safe from the attack of the enemy…

- DELIVERER – the one who can get us out of TROUBLE – save us!

- David put his FAITH [חָסָה] in the LORD – because He was:
  - My God - my strength in whom I will trust. My shield and horn of salvation – my stronghold.
  - I will call upon the LORD - who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies!
  - SHIELD – HORN – STRONGHOLD – all speaking of the BATTLE…
  - A BATTLE that David fought by PRAISING the LORD – who saved him from his enemies!
  - King Jehoshaphat was attacked by the combined armies of Moab – Ammon – and Edom…
  - God told him to send out the LEVITES and PRAISE the LORD!
  - **II Chronicles 20:22** – "Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people… who had come against Judah - and they were defeated."
  - We fight a battle every day – a SPIRITUAL war waging around us…
  - Not a battle we WIN with swords or guns - we fight with PRAISE!
  - Because when we PRAISE the LORD – He fights the BATTLE for us!

- **2ND – CALL ON THE LORD… VS. 4-6**
  - 1st – Near death… vs. 4-5
    - The pangs of death surrounded me - and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.
    - The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me. The snares of death confronted me!
    - David had come face to face with death – his ENEMIES making him [piel] AFRAID…
    - Using poetic language David describes the process of being buried…
    - The ropes [sorrows] that let the casket into the grave [שְׁאוֹל] were tied around him…
    - The burial clothes [snares of death] already wrapped [piel] his body – he was as good as dead!
  - 2nd – God heard… vs. 6
    - In my distress I called upon the LORD - and cried out to my God.
    - He heard my voice from His temple - and my cry came before Him - even to His ears!
    - DISTRESS – to be TIED up – on a narrow road with no escape…
    - ONLY then did David cry [piel] out to the Lord – and God heard his prayer!
    - We need help learning not to trust in OURSELVES…
    - When God allows HARD times - our first reaction is to depend on OURSELVES...
    - But God can turn up the heat - till we can NO longer handle our problems...
    - Then we learn NOT to trust in OURSELVES - but instead trust in Jesus!
    - **II Corinthians 1:8-9** – "We were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes - we had the sentence of death in ourselves - that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead."

- **3RD – THE RESPONSE… VS. 7-15**
  - 1st – Earthquake… vs. 7

- Then the earth shook and trembled.
- The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken - because He was angry!
- As a RESULT [sequential] of the DAVID calling on the LORD…
- We are given the THREE most powerful natural disasters to describe the RESPONSE of God…
- Not that God brought these on SAUL – it is used as POETIC description…
- The FIRST is an EARTHQUAKE – earth TREMBLES and SHAKES – God is ANGRY!
- Even the EARTH gets nervous when God is upset…
- God does not play around when it comes to harming His children – **Luke 17:2**
- He is a VERY protective Father - and gets VERY angry when anyone threatens His kids!

o 2nd – Volcano… vs. 8-13

- Smoke went up from His nostrils - and devouring fire from His mouth. Coals were kindled by it.
- He bowed the heavens also - and came down with darkness under His feet.
- And He rode upon a cherub - and flew. He flew upon the wings of the wind!
- He made darkness His secret place. His canopy around Him was dark waters…
- And thick clouds of the skies. From the brightness before Him…
- His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire.
- The LORD thundered from heaven - the Most High uttered His voice. Hailstones - coals of fire!
- The SECOND is a VOLCANO – with SMOKE and BURNING hot coals…
- BOWING heaven – the skies becoming BLACK from all the soot…
- The LORD swiftly flew upon the [כְּרוּב] – to save David…
- His voice THUNDERING from heaven – with hailstones of fire!
- Mount Saint Helens released 24 megatons of TNT - 1600 times Hiroshima bomb…
- A devastating 9.0 earthquake has the power of 99 million tons of TNT…
- Forces that to this day we have no power to stand up to!
- Those who think they will be able to stand up to God on judgment day…
- Is like saying we can negotiate with a NUCLEAR bomb – no chance…
- No one can stand before the power of the Lord – no one can endure His fury!

o 3rd – Typhoon… vs. 14-15

- He sent out arrows and scattered the foe - lightnings in abundance - and He vanquished them.

- Then the channels of the sea were seen - the foundations of the world were uncovered…
- At Your rebuke - O LORD - at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils!
- The THIRD is a TYPHOON – with ARROWS – used to describe the lightening from a STORM…
- And STORM surge – the channels seen – the foundation uncovered at your BREATH [wind]
- LIGHTENING - up to ONE billion volts – FIVE time HOTTER than the surface of the sun…
- STORM surge – up to TEN meter high wall of water – causes most fatalities in a TYPHOON!
- Put all THREE natural disasters together – and the point is simple…
- No one can stand up to the LORD – when He answers the prayer of His people!

- **4TH – THE DELIVERANCE… VS. 16-27**
  - 1st – My support… vs. 16-18
    - He sent from above - He took me. He drew me out of many waters.
    - He delivered me from my strong enemy - those who hated me - for they were too strong for me.
    - They confronted me in the day of my calamity - but the LORD was my support!
    - God picked David up out of DEEP [many] waters - saved him from powerful enemies…
    - David admitted they were too strong for him – he could not win on his own…
    - They attacked [confronted] when he was the weakest [calamity] – but God SUPPORTED him!
    - Perhaps referring the Philistine Giant – Ishbi – who almost killed David…
    - At the very last moment Abishai rushed in and saved him – **II Samuel 21:16**
    - We are STUBBORN – and often wait to the last moment to ask for HELP…
    - We wait till we get into DEEP trouble – barely able to keep our head above water…
    - Our problems much stronger than we are – and we are in danger of sinking…
    - Then finally – at the very last moment – we cry out to God for SUPPORT…
    - And God rides out of heaven and DELIVERS us out of our troubles!
  - 2nd – My reward… vs. 19-20
    - He also brought me out into a broad place. He delivered me because He delighted in me.
    - The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness.
    - According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me!
    - BROUGHT [sequential] into a broad place – in contrast to NARROW - **Psalm 18:6**
    - DELIGHTED [piel] in David – as a REWARD for his RIGHTEOUSNESS [צָדָק] - his CLEAN hands!

- David did NOT have CLEAN hands – Bathsheba and Uriah!
- He had an affair with another mans wife - then murdered her husband – **II Samuel 12:9**
- How can David possibly say that God helped him because he was blameless…
- David was not PERFECT – but David was FORGIVEN!
- **II Corinthians 5:21** – "God made Christ - who never sinned - to be the offering for our sin - so that we could be made right with God through Christ."
- God looks at us – and He sees us as perfect through Jesus…
- And He will NOT turn His back on us –He is ALWAYS there to help when we need it!

o 3rd – Keeping the Law... vs. 21-24

- For I have kept the ways of the LORD - and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- For all His judgments were before me - and I did not put away His statutes from me.
- I was also blameless before Him - and I kept myself from my iniquity.
- Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness…
- According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight!
- JUDGMENTS [מִשְׁפָּט] and STATUTES [חֻקָּה] – referring to the Word of God…
- David was able to keep the WAYS of the LORD – because he was in the WORD of the LORD!
- BLAMELESS – does not mean there was no sin – obviously…
- He was made CLEAN in the SIGHT of the LORD – by the WORD of GOD!
- **John 15:3** – "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."
- The best way to avoid sin - the best way to find victory in life - read our Bible...
- The Bible will keep you from sin – but sin will keep you from the Bible…
- As we keep ourselves in the Word – and away from following the world!
- **Psalm 119:11** - "Your word I have hidden in my heart... that I might not sin against You!"

o 4th – Not just David… vs. 25-27

- With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful.
- With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless.
- With the pure You will show Yourself pure - with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.
- For You will save the humble people - but will bring down haughty looks!
- MERCIFUL [חָסִיד] – to those who do GOOD – God will show Himself as GOOD…

- BLAMELESS [תָּמִים] – to those who are COMPLETE – God will show Himself COMPLETE…
- PURE [בָּרַר] – to those who are CLEAN [spiritually] – God will show Himself CLEAN…
- DEVIOUS [עִקֵּשׁ] – to the TWISTED – God will TWIST [judge]
- Because God SAVES the HUMBLE [עָנִי] – but He casts down the PROUD – **I Peter 5:5**
- How God DEALS with us – is a direct result of how we COME to Him…
- It is easy to look at others and see their flaws - but how about ours...
- It is not nearly as easy to admit to our own flaws - look at our sin...
- But if we are willing to examine OUR hearts - CONFESS the sin that is there...
- Then in humility – when we come before the Lord in prayer – we are heard!

- **5TH – THE VICTORY… VS. 28-36**
  - 1st – The light… vs. 28
    - For You will light my lamp. The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness!
    - You will CAUSE [hiphil] my lamp to be lit – so I can SEE in the darkness…
    - David understood God could SEE – when David could NOT…
    - God could LIGHT the way – when David did NOT know where to go!
    - **Matthew 7:14** – "Narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life…"
    - Life has a lot of distractions – things that keep us from following after Jesus…
    - And if we are not careful – we can slip and fall into any number of sins…
    - But as we look to the Lord – He lights the way – and keeps our feet safe on the right road!
  - 2nd – The Army… vs. 29
    - For by You I can run against a troop - by my God I can leap over a wall!
    - God gives us the POWER to RUN through a ARMY – LEAP [piel] over any WALL…
    - Gideon was told to take an army of 300 against a foe numbering 135k – **Judges 6-7**
    - God used Jonathan and his armor bearer to defeat the Philistines – **I Samuel 14:1-14**
    - We assume we are just ONE person - what can we do make a difference...
    - God does not need an army – all it takes is ONE being willing to stand up for God!
    - **Joshua 23:10** – "One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD… fights for you."
  - 3rd – The Shield… vs. 30
    - As for God - His way is perfect. The word of the LORD is proven.

- He is a shield to all who trust in Him!
- God is PERFECT – the WORD of the LORD is PROVEN…
- His WORD is a SHIELD to all who put their TRUST [חָסָה] – FAITH - in Him!
- **Ephesians 6:16** – "Taking the shield of faith… to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."
- When we put our TRUST in the WORD of the LORD…
- We are protected from the attack of our ENEMY – who seeks to get us to QUESTION the LORD!

- 4th – The Rock… vs. 31-33
  - For who is God - except the LORD. And who is a rock - except our God.
  - It is God who arms me with strength - and makes my way perfect.
  - He makes my feet like the feet of deer - and sets me on my high places!
  - There is ONLY one GOD – the LORD [יְהוָה] – He is the ROCK we stand upon…
  - Who give us [piel] His STRENGTH – that allows [sequential] us to walk a PERFECT path…
  - He sets us on HIGH places [out of danger] – making [piel] my feet like a DEER!
  - If you have ever seen a MOUNTAIN goat – they can climb near VERTICAL cliffs…
  - And they NEVER stumble – they RUN – safe in the HIGH places!
  - When Jesus is our FOUNDATION [rock] – we are standing on SOLID ground – **Matthew 7:24**
  - And with His STRENGTH – we are able to climb HIGHER in our walk…
  - NEVER slipping or falling into sin – because He makes [piel] our feet STRONG!
- 5th – The strength… vs. 34-36
  - He teaches my hands to make war - so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
  - You have also given me the shield of Your salvation. Your right hand has held me up.
  - Your gentleness has made me great.
  - You enlarged my path under me - so my feet did not slip!
  - God teaches [piel] my HAND to make WAR – so we can BEND a BRONZE bow [hard to do]
  - He has given us a SHIELD [salvation] – and holds us by His RIGHT hand [strength]
  - In GENTLENESS [עֲנָו] – HUMILITY – He has made us GREAT…
  - Made our PATH large [easy to walk] – so our feet do NOT slip!
  - We can do the IMPOSSIBLE [bronze bow] – walk with our SLIPPING…
  - When we follow His EXAMPLE – that TRUE strength comes through HUMILITY!

- **II Corinthians 12:9** – "For My strength is made perfect in weakness."

- **6TH – THE ENEMY… VS. 37-45**
  - 1st – No more enemy… vs. 37-42
    - I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them - did not turn back till they were destroyed.
      - I have wounded them - so that they could not rise. They have fallen under my feet.
      - For You have armed me with strength for the battle.
      - You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.
      - You have also given me the necks of my enemies - so that I destroyed those who hated me!
      - They cried out - but there was none to save. Even to the LORD - but He did not answer them.
      - Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind. I cast them out like dirt in the streets!
      - David PURSUED [piel] – and did NOT stop until his enemies were DESTROYED…
      - God ARMED [piel] him for the BATTLE – as a result [hiphil] his enemies were DEFEATED…
      - They cried out for ANYONE to save them – even the LORD – but there was no answer…
      - Just before SAUL was killed in battle – he called out on the LORD – **I Samuel 28:6**
      - But the LORD refused to answer – a KING who had rejected Him…
      - So Saul ended up consulting a WITCH [Endor] who predicted his DEATH!
    - He BEAT them into DUST – and cast them out into the STREET like DIRT!
      - Satan is a punk – he likes to make life VERY difficult for us…
      - There are a LOT of days when I would like nothing more than to grind him up into dust!
      - When we look to Jesus that is exactly what we can do –sweep satan into the gutter!
      - **Luke 10:19** – "I have given you authority over… the enemy - and you can… crush them."
  - 2nd - The foreigners… vs. 43-45
    - You have delivered me from the strivings of the people - made me the head of the nations.
    - A people I have not known shall serve me.
    - As soon as they hear of me they obey me. The foreigners submit to me.
    - The foreigners fade away - and come frightened from their hideouts!
    - God DELIVERED [piel] David from those who opposed [strive] him…
    - Even made David their HEAD – the NATIONS [גּוֹיִם] would SERVE [piel] him!
    - David was VERY successful as KING – able to conquer ALL of the enemies of Israel…
    - Philistines – Moabites - Syrians - and Edomites - **I Chronicles 18:1-13**
    - **I Chronicles 14:17** – "Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations."

- **7TH – THE KING… VS. 46-50**
  - 1st – Thankful… vs. 46-49
    - The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.
    - It is God who avenges me - and subdues the peoples 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 - O LORD - among the Gentiles - sing praises to Your name!
- I light of ALL the LORD had done – the IMPOSSIBLE – David broke out int PRAISE…
- The LORD lives [חַי־יְהוָה] a title of God – that He is the LIVING God!
- God who AVENGED – the LORD judged his enemies – **Romans 12:19**
- God who DELIVERED [piel] – the LORD allowed David to ESCAPE – time after time from Saul…
- THEREFORE – David HAD [hiphil] to give THANKS to the LORD among the GENTILES [גּוֹיִם]
- When we TRULY understand ALL the LORD has done in our lives…
- The only reasonable response – is to tell OTHERS who do not know Him – about Him!
- **I Thessalonians 5:18** – "In everything give thanks - for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus."

o 2nd – The King… vs. 50

- Great deliverance He gives to His king - and shows mercy to His anointed.
- To David and his descendants forevermore!
- God made David the ruler of Israel – the King over the people of God…
- Even foreigners – people David had never heard of – served him as King…
- The mere mention of - King David - would cause empires to surrender!
- So David sang this song – so the whole world would hear about God!
- 10,000 years from now in heaven - no one will care how much money we had...
- No one will be impressed by what kind of cell phone we used!
- The things we do for ourselves – the praises of men – are all forgotten…
- It is the things we do for the Lord that last forever – **Matthew 6:20**