

Psalms 16-18

Good evening Church, thank you for coming out tonight.

What a blessing it is to be able to come to the Word of God here in the middle of the week.

We are currently studying through the Old Testament here during our midweek service, and we are in the Book of Psalms.

We will be in Psalms 16 through 18 tonight if you want to make your way there.

We are currently making changes around here, some mild upgrades and shifting offices around.

We have the new carpet scheduled for early next month, and next week we will extend the stage out a few feet.

On some Sunday mornings the worship team is crammed together, so we are going to spread them out a little.

The Lord really has allowed us to do a lot this year, and as we are coming to the end of the year, it is amazing to look back and see all that has happened, not just physically to His Church here in Victorville, but also spiritually.

It is a blessing to serve you all here as the Pastor, there is nowhere else I would rather be.

So enough of that, let's pray, and we will get into it.

Psalm 16 now, it is titled **The Hope of the Faithful, and the Messiah's Victory** and it is **A Michtam** (Miktam) **of David.**

There are only six Psalms that are called a Michtam of David.

Psalms 56-60 are the other Michtams.

And what is a Michtam? I am glad you asked.

Well there are a couple possibilities here.

A Michtam can mean “Jewel or Golden” essentially meaning that these were special treasures to David.

Another suggestion is that it means “Engrave.”

Perhaps meaning that these Psalms were not to be forgotten by David or by those who sang this Psalm.

Really both suggestions are not too different from the other.

Michtam seems to point to the importance of the writing.

Psalm 16 is actually a prophetic Psalm about Jesus, which of course would be memorable and treasured.

Let's look now starting in verse 1...

16:1 Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

2 O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You."

As David prays here, “Preserve me, O God,” we can get sense that all who trust in the Lord will be preserved in this life.

God will order our steps, this is something we discussed on last Sunday as well, and then I referred to **Prov. 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,**

And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,

And He shall direct your paths.

But this truth is really seen all throughout the scriptures, and this evening if you are one who has put their trust in the Lord, you too can count on Him preserving you here in this life... no matter what you are going through.

Consider **Jer. 17:7-8 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.**

8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,

Which spreads out its roots by the river,

And will not fear when heat comes;

But its leaf will be green,

And will not be anxious in the year of drought,

Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

We put our trust in many things in this life, in doctors, teachers, politicians, friend's advice, but the sure foundation is in the Lord our God.

It is interesting here that David speaks to his own soul, and this kind of self-talk is good and important.

It will get you further in life, then standing in front of the mirror saying, "I am successful, I am beautiful, I am amazing."

David reminds himself that the goodness in his life is from God alone.

Understand anything good that our lives produce comes from the Lord.

Never take credit or the glory from Him.

So next, David is still speaking of course, but these words will be prophetically spoken about Jesus.

3 As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

Do you ever wonder what Jesus delights in?

Well here you go, saints here on earth, or those who believe in Jesus.

Remember there are only one of two people in this world, you are either a saint or an ain't.

Understand something tonight, Jesus delights in you, we are God's Children through faith in His Son Jesus.

Maybe tonight that is difficult for you to believe, you cannot understand why He would delight in you.

Maybe everyone else in your life comes down hard on you, maybe some put you down, mock you, and these

many voices are all that you hear in your heart and mind.

Understand something, your God delights in you, if you are His tonight.

As an earthly father, there is nothing better than coming home after work to hear about my kid's day. Sometimes they have a bad day, sometimes they are bullied, sometimes they have a hard time, but there daddy delights in them.

And I am a fallen man, our God is infinite and good, and He delights in those who are His.

That is something to meditate on tonight.

However, look at verses 4-6...

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.

5 O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

David spent some time in pagan places while on the run, and he no doubt saw some detestable worship along the way.

Faith in any other source apart from Jesus Christ is a futile and empty hope.

Sorrows will be multiplied in their lives.

It is by Jesus alone, and His atoning sacrifice is salvation offered to us.

Remember John the Baptist's testimony when he saw Jesus...

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Jesus is the Lamb who was slain, and through Him, no longer through the blood of bulls and goats, but by the blood of Jesus is our sin fully dealt with once and for all.

To trust in anything else for our salvation, works, religion, Buddha, Mohammad, success, money, anything else will ultimately bring sorrow upon your life.

In verse 6, he speaks of a godly heritage... and that is the hope and prayer of most every Christian parent; that we would pass along this rich heritage in Christ that we have.

Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Grandma and Grandpa, teachers and others, this is a reminder about what really matters in this life.

It is my hope and dream to one day hand off this ministry to the next generation that is passionately serving the Lord.

My prayer is often that my own kids, that none of them would be lost, and that they all stay in the fold of Christ.

More and more I sense the urgency to nurture and instruct my little ones in the way that they should go, so when they are older they do not depart from the truth.

I am trying to look for more and more opportunities to talk about our Lord, our Faith, and His Word with them.

This is our duty Church, the ministry is not supposed to end when we leave this world, the work must go on, this work of saving souls for Christ's Kingdom.

Look now at verse 7...

7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

I don't know what keeps you up at night, what consumes your thoughts, but hopefully it is the Lord's instructions.

Something better than counting sheep when you cannot sleep is to try to quote scripture, Promises from God, or to simply pray to Him.

Sometimes in the middle of the night He gets our full attention, whereas in the business of the day, He kind of gets bits and pieces of our attention.

Verses 8-10 now...

8 I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

David evidently is talking about Jesus, not himself here. We know this from the dynamic sermon that Peter preached on Pentecost.

Acts 2:22-33 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know — 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

David you see was prophesying about the Risen Christ, who is sitting at the right hand of the Father in heaven. This could not have been fulfilled by David himself, because it is speaking about Someone who the Grave could not hold and who would not decay.

David's body of course remained the grave and decayed as any other man.

This is what Peter is saying in his sermon.

He states that it must have been speaking of Christ.

We cannot fully understand these Psalms without understanding the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ.

Peter pointed this out clearly, and that is why the sermon is so powerful, and had such a historic impact on those who listened when he preached, and even those who hear it today.

Peter said, **Acts 2:32-33** “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefor being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you know see and hear.”

The disciples saw Jesus, Risen and they saw Him Ascend to heaven.

And He is sitting at the right hand of the Father and thankfully has sent the Promised Holy Spirit.

The Spirit has been poured out on His Church as promised.

The Church from Pentecost on has proclaimed the Gospel Message, testifying to the fact that Christ has risen and is alive.

The resurrection being so important to the overall Gospel message.

Paul said this in **1 Cor. 15:12-19** Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses

of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up — if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

If Christ is not raised from the dead, everything that we do here is meaningless and a sham.

If Christ is not raised from the dead, I am still a monster, a filthy man, a drug addict and a womanizer.

But Christ is risen, and because of this we are offered new life, we are reborn of the Spirit.

So, back to the Psalm 16, looking at the last verse now...

11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

David says, “You will show me the path of life...”

Jesus was crucified so we can find life, true life.

The author of Hebrews tells us... Heb. 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

I don't know about you, but this truth gets me through some very difficult times, knowing that the presence of God brings the fullness of joy.

There have been terrible, seemingly insurmountable trials in this life, but looking back the Lord was never closer then when walking through those times.

Really when our focus is upon Him and His goodness, there is nothing this life can throw at us that can jeopardize that joy.

Let's look now at Psalm 17...**Prayer with Confidence in Final Salvation** and it is **A Prayer of David**.

So this is not a song or a Psalm in the truest sense, but a prayer of David.

David wrote this Psalm after being falsely accused.

And rather than getting even or allowing bitterness to sink in, he sees it all as a test, and he asks God to handle it for him.

Look at verse 1 now...

17:1 Hear a just cause, O Lord, Attend to my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips. 2 Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.

David was pursued by the enraged King Saul, and unjustly at that, and here we see David bringing his case before the courtroom in heaven.

He speaks truth from his heart and asks the Lord to consider his words, “Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.”

David understands that there is nothing hidden from his God’s sight, and that God can be the only one to judge fairly and justly.

David said in **Ps 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;**

24 And see if there is any wicked way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

Maybe you know the pain and heartbreak of being accused falsely, you have been lied about, and taken to task for something you did not do.

Instead of seeking vengeance or handling your own defense, take the case before the Lord, allow Him to search out your heart, to see if there is any wicked way in you.

Then trust Him for the results.

David did this, and felt justified and vindicated before God.

Verse 3 now...

3 You have tested my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tried me and have found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. 4 Concerning the works of men, By the word of Your lips, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer. 5

Uphold my steps in Your paths, That my footsteps may not slip.

David's life no doubt had been tested and sifted by the Lord, as he was prepared for an enormous calling.

Saul and his warriors pursued him relentlessly, and spread false allegation about him, yet David really desired to honor God with his life.

Remember there were two recorded accounts of David having the opportunity to take matters into his own hands and to kill his mortal enemy Saul.

But David instead chose not to lift his hand against the Lord's anointed.

He chose instead to let God handle what was deserved and for who.

He allowed himself to be wronged for the greater good, and not defaming the Lord his God.

This is something that can be really difficult to accomplish, if we are not seeking first the Kingdom of God, we begin to worry and seek out our well-being first and foremost.

David there in verse 5 acknowledged that God upheld his steps.

The Lord would establish David according to His promises and He would hold David on the righteous path.

Then in verse 6 we read...

6 I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech. 7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them. 8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings, 9 From the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me.

David is praying the promises and the truths that he knows about His God.

Church, praying scripture and God's Promises, speaking the realities of our God that are laid out in scriptures are a great comfort and a method to bringing your prayer life alive.

David here alludes to this glorious truth, that he is the apple of God's eye.

I wonder if you believe that about yourself, you are the apple of God's eye.

His children are beloved by Him.

The other day we asked the kids who they thought Daddy loved the most, who was my favorite, and they all chimed in, believing each of them were the most loved.

They all gave their reasons, and Lola who is usually quiet during these times, shouts out, "I am daddy's favorite, because he is always telling me how beautiful

I am.” She said it so matter of fact that the argument stopped right there.

But I thought it was amazing that each of my kids are loved in such a way that they all think they are the apple of my eye. Because they are, all six of them, if I had seven it would be no different.

My heart is big enough for them all.

I remember having Sofia, my oldest wondering if we had more, if my heart could love the others like I love her, and I soon found out I could.

There is actually a lot of love in there.

Anyway, God, infinite in wisdom, so loving, so gracious, He is longsuffering, surely there is enough love in Him for us all to believe that we are His favorite.

Believe that tonight, you are His favorite, I am too.

What a great reality to sear into our hearts and minds tonight.

God is for us...

David continues on now starting in verse 10...

10 They have closed up their fat hearts; With their mouths they speak proudly. 11 They have now surrounded us in our steps; They have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth, 12 As a lion is eager to tear his prey, And like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O Lord, Confront him, cast him down; Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword, 14 With Your hand from men, O Lord, From men of the world who have their portion in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure. They are satisfied with children, And leave the rest of their possession for their babes.

15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

David cries out for God to defend him.

David could look back at his life, even as a young shepherd boy, and he could easily see all the times that God came to his defense and even helped him overcome his enemies.

The lion, the bear, even the giant of Gath, Goliath, all of them no problem.

So with this reality before him, he can confidently call upon his God for help.

Church, don't allow your trials to overwhelm your life so much that you lose sight of what God has already done, and can do in your circumstances.

Take the time to look back and reflect on God's faithfulness, write it down if necessary, but remember.

Because the same God who delivered you before will be faithful to do so again.

Look how David closed this prayer, in verse 15 again, David was confident that he would see God's face in righteousness, that he would be satisfied when he awoke to God's likeness.

David's satisfaction was in the Lord.

May your satisfaction and hope come from the Lord tonight, knowing that you are the apple of His eye?

Let's now get into Psalm 18... entitled **God the Sovereign Savior(2 Sam 22)**, which is the fourth longest Psalm.

And it is **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. And he said:**

18:1 I will love You, O Lord, my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

This was a worship song was I was a kid.

David knew that by calling upon the Lord, that there was a certain degree of safety from his enemies.

Verse 4 now...

4 The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. 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.

This Psalm is a parallel song with 2 Samuel chapter 22. When David was dwelling on the reality that his enemy Saul had been killed at Gilboa.

God had heard his desperate cries, just like He hears you and I this evening.

We worship the same God as David, trust in that reality tonight, that God sees you, and He hears your prayers. Look now at verse 7...

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. 8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet. 10 And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters And thick clouds of the skies. 12 From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire.

13 The Lord thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire. 14

He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe,
Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them. 15
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.

God intervene in David's battles, doing whatever was
necessary for him to be victorious.

Even to the extent of sending hail, lightening, along
with the armies of the Philistines to defeat Saul once
and for all.

Verse 16 now...

16 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out
of many waters. 17 He delivered me from my strong
enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too
strong for me. 18 They confronted me in the day of my
calamity, But the Lord was my support. 19 He also
brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me
because He delighted in me.

Think of David's life and all that God had allowed him
to walk through, and God brought him through it all, all
the fearful nights, the difficult days, being on the run,
and now here to this place of safety and hope.

God comforted David while in the midst of all his
calamities, and now in this victory.

As God was with David through his dark seasons, so is God with you tonight, you who are in the midst of the valley low right now.

God is with you, and He delights in you, find your hope in that tonight, allow Him to strengthen you tonight.

Verses 20-24 now...

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, And have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all His judgments were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me. 23 I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity. 24 Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.

David is not being spiritually proud here...

Surely there were many nights that he thought God was nowhere near him, there were nights of doubt, nights filled with tears.

But David did all that he could to maintain the faith, faith in his God.

David kept his hands clean to the best of his ability.

David did not act out against Saul, he remained steadfast, even though immense testing.

And this is a good point for us tonight, to maintain our godliness and uprightness in the midst of this perverted and crooked generation.

Verse 25...

25 With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; 26 With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. 27 For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.

David knew how God dealt with mankind.

Jesus even taught that God deals with man in the same manner that man might deal with his fellow man.

Think of Jesus' words in **Matt 7:1-2** "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

Or **Mark 11:26** "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

I don't know about you, but when I am dealing with my fellow man, I want to deal with them with as much Grace as I possibly can, because there is nothing I need more than God's Grace in my own life.

Some people judge and hold things against their fellow men in a terrifying way, disregarding the fact that we are dealt what we give out.

That is a sobering reality, makes you want to keep your judgements and dealings with others as generous and loving as possible.

Humility is the key, some people just simply think to highly of themselves, may it be a title they have, or simply the way they view themselves, they put themselves in a place of looking down upon others, and that is so dangerous.

Meditate often on the amount of Grace God is daily pouring out on your own life, and when you can see that true measure, you can really do nothing but deal with others the same way.

Verse 28 now...

28 For You will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. 29 For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall. 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.

David is once again focusing on the past faithfulness of God, the victories that he has been led through, and this gives him great confidence in his God.

31 For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? 32 It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. 33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. 34 He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. 36 You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.

David was protected, his feet did not slip even in difficult places...

David uses the imagery of deer on mountain ledges, who was divinely protected by the shield of the Lord, and widened paths.

37 I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed. 38 I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet. 39 For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. 40 You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me. 41 They cried out, but there was none to save; Even to the Lord, but He did not answer them. 42 Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.

David is declaring the faithfulness of God, God was his strength in battle, and David knew that no other explanation was satisfactory.

David did not rely on his own abilities or ingenuity.

David was not that awesome apart from God, a lowly shepherd boy who God had anointed and set apart.

That was his only real strength and success, was his dependence upon his God.

I don't know where God found you, but for me, I had lost everything, I didn't just hit rock bottom, I went smashing through it.

That is where my journey with God started, and I know that everything that has come to me in this life is because of Him, and nothing of myself.

He is my strength and deliverer.

Look now at verse 43...

43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; A people I have not known shall serve me. 44 As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me. 45 The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

46 The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted. 47 It is God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me; 48 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. 49 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name.

50 Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

David focuses on the victory of the Lord.

And though he is not king quite yet, Samuel had already anointed him.

David took that as a future promise of God, and waited for God to bring it to him, with no ambition in himself.

David was God's true King, but David never assumed it upon himself.

His mind is actually blown away at the respect others are giving him, the honor that he is receiving.

David knew that he was nothing in himself.

God rejected Saul, and David was now God's true King, and we see in that last verse he is a King with a promise.

His lineage was blessed, and David will receive more clarity on that promise in 2 Samuel 7.

Nathan the prophet gave David these words from the Lord.

2 Sam. 7:12-17 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul,

whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."

17 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

This would not be Solomon, who would be the one who built the first Temple.

Solomon will not be king forever, and in fact did not finish his own reign very well.

This is a prophecy about Jesus, who was the Son of David, or the Promised Messiah.

The angel said to Mary before she was pregnant with God's Son, Luke 1:30-33 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Paul said in Rom 1:3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

Jesus is the fulfillment of this wonderful promise of a Savior, a Hero, that would come from the lineage of David and save mankind from sin.

It is interesting to consider David's response after Nathan brings this reality to him.

He is humbled by this knowledge.

2 Sam. 7:18-19 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord; and he said: "Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? 19 And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come. Is this the manner of man, O Lord God?

And this is similar to David's heart here in this Psalm, he never thought anyone or even God owed him anything.

He was humbled that the Lord considered him.

I have known many people in the ministry and in life who think something is owed to them.

They are always offended and always trying to manipulate their way to a position or a status.

They covet a title, and when they are not recognized as such, they huff and puff and cause all kinds of damage.

Some of the most fruitful Gospel workers and even secular workmen and women are those who work in humility and gratitude.

Church this is how David found true success, godly success, he depended heavily upon his God, and served with complete gratitude and humility.

Understand God is Sovereign over the affairs of earth, including your life and mine.

As He was faithful to the promises given to David, so will He be faithful to the promises He has given you.

Trust in Him, rest in Him, and put your hope in Jesus.

Let's pray...