

THE GRATITUDE OF DAVID

Introduction:

1. As David neared the end of his life on earth, he looked back over it and remembered the Lord's faithfulness to him.
2. David desired to give thanks and to show honor to God for His goodness, mercy, provision, and protection.
3. Thus, he wrote the song or psalm recorded in 2 Samuel 22.

- I. God Is Worthy of Praise (2 Samuel 22:1-4)
 - A. In all of his trials, God had delivered David.
 - B. David praised God as his rock, fortress, and deliverer.
 - C. *"My God is my rock; I shall take refuge in Him; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge! My Savior, You shall save me from violence"* (LITV).
 - D. Thus, God was worthy of praise.
 - E. And, by calling upon him – in gratitude, petition, and praise – David would be delivered from his enemies (cf. Phil. 4:6-7 – *"with thanksgiving"*).

- II. God Is Faithful to His Children (2 Samuel 22:5-20)
 - A. David had faced death as his true enemy on numerous occasions.
 - B. Yet, when he prayed, God heard and answered (vs. 5-7).
 - C. In fact, God responded by powerfully working to deliver David from death (vs. 8-16).
 - D. David recognized that his salvation was the work of God (vs. 17-20).
 1. David uses language that echoes what God had done in delivering the Israelites from Egypt.
 2. Yet, in delivering David, God had worked no miracle.
 3. God's providential care is just as powerful and effective as His miraculous works!
 - E. Out of distress, David had been brought into openness (cf. Psalm 23:4).
 - F. Thus, David had learned that the Lord delighted in him.

- III. God Is Righteous in Judgment (2 Samuel 22:21-51)
 - A. David had been faithful to the Lord and God had blessed him for it (vs. 21-25).
 1. This does not mean that David had been sinless.
 2. It means that he had served faithfully as king.
 3. Yet, it also emphasizes the power of God's forgiveness of sin.
 - B. God is righteous in His dealings with man and that makes Him worthy of man's trust (vs. 26-31).
 - C. God is the only God – and those who trust in Him will be blessed (vs. 32-36).
 - D. God is victorious in judgment of His enemies (vs. 37-43).
 - E. Thus, men submit to the authority and might of Jehovah (vs. 44-46).
 - F. Because of the character of God, David gave thanks and praised Him before all nations.