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Introduction

Vs. 1 says that what we read here are the words to the *song* that David spoke to the LORD when the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies and out of the hand of Saul. This was intended to be sung. (Tune?)

This is a magnificent song which we find to be a review of David's life and David's triumph over all his foes and of his exaltation to the throne.

This "*song*" is found twice in the Bible. No doubt to emphasize it! There are a few minor changes between the "*song*" here and the "*psalm*" in *Psalms 18*. No doubt these changes were made by David's own hand when, with the Spirit's leading, he edited the former work and submitted the *psalm* to the chief musician possibly as a piece for the temple choir.

We'll see that this song is divided into 3 stanzas, each of which describes who God is to us:

I. GOD IS OUR SAVIOUR! (vs. 1-20)

David's Life Spoke Of The LORD's Deliverance!

Moses prayed a prayer unto God that is recorded in *Psalms 90*.

Psalms 90:9 "... we spend our years as a tale that is told."

What story is your life telling? Is your life a story about YOU and what YOU are doing? Or is your story about the LORD and what HE is doing? David's life was a life about the LORD and what HE was doing in David's life!

Think of the difference in tales told by the life of Saul and the life of David! We've seen both! They stand in stark contrast to one another!

Unfortunately, many times life can be difficult! It is recorded that Job said in *Job 14:1* "*Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.*"

Listen though, the troubles and trials of life can be especially difficult if you don't have the LORD in your life as your Saviour!

Have you ever known someone's life that just seemed to move from one tragedy or trouble to even more tragedy or trouble?

(e.g. Growing up, our daughter, Charity, liked "*Little House On The Prairie*" by *Laura Ingles Wilder*...me, not so much...I would joke with her and it "*Big Tragedies On The Prairie*" because their lives seem to move from one disaster to another!)

I've also known people whose lives were a continual disaster!

Thankfully, **the believer has the LORD to help him during the difficult times of life**, just as Jesus said in John 16:33.

John 16:33 "*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*"

Hebrews 2:18 "*For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.*"

We have followed David's life through the books of First and Second Samuel. We've seen him from the time when he was just a seemingly insignificant member of his family out tending the sheep when Samuel came to his Dad's house looking for a king.

After he was anointed by the prophet to be king, he had to survive various attempts on his life by King Saul. He survived a battle with the giant Goliath, he survived war with Philistines, and several rebellions, one led by his own son Absalom and now, with some help he has survived another battle with another giant even if it appeared to be by a narrow margin!

But through it all, we've seen that God has kept David safe—which vs. 1 tells us the reason David wrote this song. He wanted to express his love for the LORD, His Saviour.

He sings about the ways God is his Saviour! These are the same ways that God wants to be our Savior also!

As we reflect back on what we have seen of David's life, we have seen him have **some great mountain top experiences** in his life! But we have also seen him **down in the valley** at times too!

Like each of us, David had his glorious moments and not so glorious moments! And like each of us, he had his share of blessings but he also had his troubles and conflict in life. But through it all—in both the good times and the bad— God had been faithful to him!

Psalm 34:19 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all."

Notice how David describes the LORD: (Vs 2)

1. My Rock! (Vs 2 and 3) My High Tower! (Vs 3)

Rock = Speaks of a lofty, craggy rock!

Speaks of a high cliff or sharp rock!

High Tower = Speaks of any high or inaccessible place!

i.e. A place to run to when you are threatened where the enemy cannot reach you!

2. My Fortress!(Vs 2) My Shield!(Vs 3) My Refuge! (Vs 3)

Fortress = Speaks of a fastness; a place of security!

Shield = Speaks of a protector!

Refuge = Speaks of a place to retreat to or escape to!

i.e. A place to go when you are scared or in danger!

When David was on the run from his enemies, and he needed a place to find shelter, safety, and protection! God always provided that place for him.

No matter what the threat or who the enemy we can always run to the LORD!

3. My Deliverer! (Vs 2) My Saviour! (Vs 3)

Deliverer = Speaks of one who provides a way to slip out of harms way or a way to escape!

*Saviour = Speaks of one who either frees or helps!
i.e. a rescuer.*

Conclusion

In vs. 5-7a, lets read how David describes himself in the suffocating grip of trouble and death.

Now let's read in vs. 7b-20 as he describes God's reaction to his calling upon Him!

This is David's song of love He sings to His Savior, His Refuge and His Rescuer.

Everybody needs a refuge. We need someplace we can go to escape the worries and fears of life.

We need to have some place of safety where we don't have to be afraid—somewhere we can catch our breath, get our strength, so we can go back out and face this cold, cruel world. We need Someone Who will go with us and be with us every step of the way!

The Lord wants to be our Refuge. He wants us to come to Him and let Him hide us in His love and care, and shelter us!

He wants us to lean on His everlasting arms!

Everybody needs a rescuer. No matter how careful or cautious we are, at times trouble seems to find us and overwhelm us. The LORD wants to be our Rescuer. He wants us to cry out to Him when we get in over our head and we're going down for the last time. He wants to reach down to wherever we are and rescue us! In fact He wants us to continually reach out to Him!

David sang this love song to the LORD because God was his Saviour!
Is He yours?