

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 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.**

We said that this song is divided into 3 stanzas, each of which **describe Who the LORD was to David and Who the LORD is to us!** Last time we looked to the fact that for the believer:

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

II. **GOD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!** (vs. 21-29)

There is a reason David knew that the LORD would always be his Refuge and His Rescuer and that reason was **David's righteousness**, which he describes in vs. 21-25.

The LORD rewarded David according to his *righteousness*—according to the *cleanness* of his hands. (vs. 21)

We might be tempted to say, *“Wait a minute—are you kidding me? How can David talk about his **righteousness** and the **cleanness** of his hands? After all, David committed adultery with another man's wife, and then tried to cover it up by murdering him!*

*What kind of righteousness is that? How could he dare call himself “**righteous**” and talk about the “**cleanness**” of his hands?”*

Don't misunderstand this! David is **NOT** claiming to be sinless here! **What he is claiming is a *righteousness* and a *cleanness* that he received from the LORD by grace through repentance and faith!**

David Received the LORD's Righteousness Because Of His Faith In God! There are only two ways of being righteous: **Either you're righteous because you've never done anything at all wrong!** (NOT!) **None of us qualify there!**

We're righteous because God chose to forgive us and He makes us righteous by His grace through repentance and faith in the finished work of His Son Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary!

THE ONLY PERSON Who was ever righteous because He never did anything at all wrong was Jesus Christ.

Everybody else—including David, me and each of you—had already blown it too bad. **We were born wrong! We were born sinners by nature! And sinners sin...because that's what sinners do and we all did and do!** If any of us ever hoped to be righteous, the LORD had to make us righteous because we came into this world already undone! He made us righteous through faith in His only begotten Son! *Genesis 15:6 And he [Abraham] believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.*

David knew this verse, and he knew that **it was not because Abraham was sinless that he was called righteous, but because he believed the LORD, and because he believed the LORD, God gave Abraham, or rather imputed to him God's righteousness.** The Apostle Paul talks about how David also recognized this in:

Romans 4:6-8 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Which brings us to another reason **David could call himself righteous—he was forgiven. God wiped David's slate clean, and gave him clean hands and a clean heart. Only God can do that!**

Psalm 103:10-12 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

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How did God do this? How can He treat a murderer and an adulterer like a saint? How can He just wipe the slate clean? Because Jesus made it all happen on the Cross.

On the Cross, the Bible says
2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

For every person here who has truly repented of their sin and has trusted Christ, He bore your sin on the Cross, and gave you His righteousness. You are righteous before God through faith in Jesus Christ!

Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

This is how God shows Himself merciful and upright and pure, and One Who lifts up the humble, but casts down the proud! **(vs. 26-29)**

God's grace offers His righteousness and forgiveness, not to the self-righteous, but for those who realize they are sinners and come to God for mercy and grace. This is how God gives us His righteousness.

USA Today newspaper interviewed the famous actress Sophia Loren back in Feb. 1999. When they asked her about her religious beliefs, this is what she said: *"I pray. I read the Bible. It's the most beautiful book ever written. I should go to heaven; otherwise it's not nice. I haven't done anything wrong. My conscience is very clean. My soul is as white as those orchids over there, and I should go straight, straight to heaven."*

She was self-deceived! And anybody that truly thinks of themselves in that manner is also self-deceived! She was sadly mistaken about her sinlessness!

In ourselves we would never say that. We know what we have thought, said, and done in our lives!

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And we should all know that even now, as believers, we are still capable of still doing some egregious things against God!

But in Jesus Christ, every single one of us who have repented of our sin and placed our faith and trust in Christ for our salvation can say assuredly that God has given us Christ's righteousness and placed on Christ our sin!

Every one who is in Christ has been clothed in a robe of His righteousness! No matter what we have done in the past, we stand forgiven and accepted by a holy and righteous God!

David sang of the righteousness God gave him! Where do you stand today? Is Christ your righteousness or are you thinking somehow you'll make it on your own righteousness? You won't! You can't!

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III. GOD IS OUR STRENGTH (vs. 30-51)

David had a much better way to get going and keep going—a strength beyond anything else the world knows about! **(vs. 33)**

I like the way one preacher once put it, speaking to Believers—*"You have to understand that you are not Superman. But you also have to understand that a Super Man lives in you!"* David believed that!

Vs. 30—Because of the LORD I have been able to run through a whole gang of bad guys and I was able to leap over a wall when I needed to!

Vs 34—With the LORD I have been able to run like a deer!

Vs 35—The LORD made me a warrior and he gives me strength to do the seemingly impossible!

Vs. 31—God's way is perfect and it has been tried and proven! This way is not only good for me, but it is also good for any who trust Him!

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Vs. 33—God is the One Who empowers me and makes my way perfect! He is the One Who empowers me to live in line with His perfect will for my life!!

Vs 38-49—The LORD is the One Who has empowered me to be able to defeat ALL my enemies and He is the One Who delivered me from them!

Vs 50—I will glorify the LORD by giving thee thanks and praise even among the heathen!

Vs 51—The Lord is my salvation and has shown mercy to me and my seed for evermore!

Conclusion

David is singing out loud and clear Lord, You have given me so much strength I can do anything through You! Sounds a lot like another man named Paul who once wrote:

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Now neither David nor Paul say that everything is always smooth sailing. Both David and Paul both endured some very tough times— times when they were weak, and weren't sure they would survive.

We've seen how David often lived as a fugitive, an outcast, and a nobody. For every time David felt like he could run like a deer and leap over a wall, there was at least one time when he just could keep plodding along!

But he always knew it wasn't his own strength that kept him going- it was God's strength! That's the kind of strength God gives us! The power to persevere, even sometimes when we feel like giving up!

God's power and grace sometimes comes to us in small doses, but it's always enough to help us make it through! Don't lean on your strength to make it! Lean on the LORD's all-sufficient Grace!