

PREFACE: PAST PRAISE PROVIDES PRESENT PRAYER (Ps.144; see title, v.10; see Ps.18 (title & verses) = 2Sam.22); note: **1** (18:2,3,46); **2** (18:2,47; 2S.22:2,48); **5** (18:9); **6** (18:14; 2S.22:15); **7** (18:16,44); **10** (18:50))

POINT: PRAISE INTO PRAYER (Ps.144:1-15)

I. PRAISE (1-4)

A. CONFESSION OF THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD (1,2; see 18:2,3,46,47; 2Sam.22:2,48 /Dt.32:4f)

B. CONFESSION OF THE HUMILITY OF MAN (3,4; see 8:4; also 39:11 /102:11; 109:23)

II. PRAYER (5-11)

A. PETITION (5-7a)

1. bow, touch (5; see 18:9; see 104:32; 68:16)

2. lightning, arrows (6; see 18:14; 2Sam.22:15)

3. stretch hand, out of hand (7a; see 18:16)

B. PLIGHT (7b,8; see 5f)

1. works of hostile terrorists (7b; see 18:44)

2. words of deceit; false oaths (8; see 109:2; Rev.10:5,6; see 1Sam.24:17f)

C. PROMISE (9,10; (8b); see 33:2,3)

1. promise (9, (8b); see 33:2,3)

2. praise (10, see 18:50; see 144:1,2)

3. petition (11; see 7,8)

III. PROVISION (12-14; see Dt.28:4)

A. SONS & DAUGHTERS: STRONG & USEFUL (12; see 128:3; 127:5)

B. BARNS & FIELDS: VARIETY & QUANTITY (13; see Rev.22:2)

C. PALACE & STREETS: MAJESTY & SECURITY (14; see 1Chr.29:25; Is.24:11)

IV. PRAISE (15)

A. BLESSED WITH THESE GIFTS (15a; see 5-14)

B. BLESSED WITH THIS GIVER (15b; see 1-4,10; see 33:12)

POSTSCRIPT: PRAISE INTO PRAYER!

A. PRAY HIS PRAISES (Ps.18 (2Sam.22) → Ps.144; see 143:5,6; 136:4f,10f→23f)

B. RESCUE DAVID, RESCUE ME! (10b,11a; 18:50; see Rom.6:5; 8:17; Eph.1:3,4; 2:6,7)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)