

“A Song of Deliverance”

TEXT: Psalm 18

INTRO:

OUTLINE:

- 1st – David’s LOVE (v. 1-3)
- 2nd – David’s PROBLEM (v.4-5)
- 3rd – David’s PRAYER along w/God’s Response (v. 6-19)
- 4th – David’s GOD (v. 20-50)

1st – David’s Love for the LORD (v.1-3) – Matthew 22:36-40... Romans 5:5...

David’s Love was a **PERSONAL LOVE** – to love deeply... it’s a yearning, affectionate love...
Psalm 103:13... Psalm 63:1... 42:1-23

David loves the Lord;

- **For WHO He is** – v.1-2
 - **“The LORD is my ROCK”** – v.31,46
 - **My STRENGTH** – v.32, 39... Psalm 6:2
 - **My SHIELD... horn of MY SALVATION... MY STRONGHOLD** –
- **For WHAT He has done for him** – v.3-7... 16-19 ... 1 John 4:10, 16, 19... John 14:15, 21

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) – *“True saints center their attention on Christ, and His beauty transcends all others; His delight is the source of all other delight; He in Himself is the best among ten thousand and altogether lovely. These saints delight in the way of salvation through Christ, because it demonstrates God’s perfection and wonder; they enjoy holiness, wholeness, while they take no pleasure in sin; God’s love is a sweet taste in their mouths, regardless of whether their own interests are met or not. They rejoice over all that Christ has done for them, but that is not the deepest root of their joy. No, they delight merely because God is God, and only then does their delight spill over onto all God’s works, including their own salvation.”* – *Religious Affections* (p. 136)

Charles Hodge, *A Commentary on Ephesians*, (p. 294) – ***I think it shows true love to Christ*** when we want to speak at length upon everything that concerns him. The general hearer says, “Oh, yes, yes! Of course, Christ is the Son of God, and he is also perfect man, I believe that;” but he does not want you to go into minute particulars concerning your Lord. It is not so with those who truly love the Savior; they wish to know all that can be known about him. True love likes to become familiar with the object of its affection; its heart is set upon that object, it studies it, and can never know it too well or too closely... True love to Christ seeks to get to him, to live with him, to live upon him, and thus to know him so intimately that things which were unobserved and passed over at the first, stand out in clear light to the increased joy and delight of the contemplative mind... Love to Christ includes adoring admiration of his person, desire for his presence, zeal for his glory, and devotion to his service. It need not be ecstatic, but it must be controlling.’

William Cowper – ‘Lord... my chief complaint, that my love for Thee is weak and faint; Yet I love thee and adore, Oh for grace to love thee more!’

How do we get a greater love for the Lord?

PRAY – 1 John 4:19

MEDITATION – Psalm 1:1-3

‘I quarry out the Truth when I read, but I smelt the ore and get the pure gold out of it when I meditate... For lack of meditation the Truth of God runs by us and we miss and lose it. Our treacherous memory is like a sieve—and what we hear and what we read runs through it and leaves but little behind—and that little is often unprofitable to us by reason of our lack of diligence to get thoroughly at it. I often find it very profitable to get a text as a sweet morsel under my tongue in the morning and to keep the flavor of it, if I can, in my mouth all day!’ – **Spurgeon**, *How to Read the Bible* – MTP (Vol 58, #3318)

‘Our bodies are not supported by merely taking food into the mouth, but the process which really supplies the muscle, and the nerve, and the sinew, and the bone, is the process of digestion. It is by digestion that the outward food becomes assimilated with the inner life. Our souls are not nourished merely by listening awhile to this, and then to that, and then to the other part of divine truth. Hearing, reading, marking, and learning, all require inwardly digesting to complete their usefulness, and the inward digesting of the truth lies for the most part in **meditating** upon it. Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully **meditate** on God’s Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs upon the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it. From such folly deliver us, O Lord, and be this our resolve this morning, **“I will meditate in thy precepts.”** – **Spurgeon**, *Morning and Evening* (Oct 12th – AM)