

Evening Sermon Outline – February 24, 2019

“Resolved to Love God” - Psalm 18:1-3

The occasion of Psalm 18 is clearly stated -

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David The Servant of the LORD, Who Spoke to the LORD The Words of This Song on the Day that the LORD Delivered Him from the Hand of All His Enemies and from the Hand of Saul. And He Said:

Because David was delivered, saved from the hand of Saul, and all his enemies, David sings -

I. The great resolution –

1 I will love You, O LORD, my strength. Psalm 18:1

1. We are all called to “love God” not only “called” but commanded –

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

2. We are commanded to love God in at least three ways

A. With all your heart, your entire inner being, mind, emotion, will.

B. With all your soul, your emotional, spiritual, energy

C. With all your might, your physical strength and energy

3. Less than all just does not cut it –

¹⁵“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Revelation 3:15-16

A. Our love for God / Christ must be greater than our love for anyone else –

³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. Matthew 10:37

B. Our love for God / Christ must be greater than our love of ourselves, even our own lives and comfort -

³⁸ And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. Matthew 10:38-39

4. The kind of love we are to have for God means we must HATE SIN –

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Romans 12:9

5. The love we are required to have for God means we must keep His commandments –

**¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. John 14:15
… love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:10**

6. Did David keep this resolution perfectly? Did he always keep God’s command?

PSALM 51

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David When Nathan the Prophet Went to Him, After He Had Gone in to Bathsheba.

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, *And* blameless when You judge. Psalm 51:1-4

7. Ultimately, we only keep our resolutions to God by His grace, His forgiveness and the power of His Spirit –

A. There is grace and forgiveness -

A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.

¹ **Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered. Psalm 32:1**

B. There is the fruit of God's Spirit -

²² **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, Galatians 5:22**

These are wonderful and supernatural (not natural) things –

¹⁷ **For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. Galatians 5:17**

II. *The great reasons –*

² **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2**

1. *We love Him because of Who and What He is in relation to us, see what David calls Him, for David He, was:*

A. *My strength – Psalm 18:1*

B. *My Rock, My fortress –*

“The Lord is my rock and my fortress.” Dwelling among the crags and mountain fastnesses of Judea, David had escaped the malice of Saul, and here he compares his God to such a place of concealment and security. C. H. Spurgeon

C. *My Deliverer*

D. *My God*

E. *My Strength in Whom I trust –*

⁷ **Some trust in chariots, and some in horses;
But we will remember the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7**

F. *My Shield*

G. *The Horn of my salvation*

H. *My Stronghold*

2. *In all of these David uses the word “My” in relation to God, make Him Yours by being His ...*

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:2-4

3. *We love Him because of what He has done –*

¹⁹ **We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19**

What Christ has done for us is even more than deliverance from Saul, we have been delivered from sin and Satan –

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1

III. *The Great Resource –*

³ **I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies. Psalm 18:3**

1. *Attain His help by prayer – I will call upon the LORD*

2. *Advertise His help by praise - who is worthy to be praised;*

3. *Advertise His help even more with a personal testimony –*

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

When God would teach man-kind his Name, He calls Himself the Great “I AM” and leaves a blank _____ believers may, supply those things for which they pray! C. H. Mackintosh