

Psalm 18:1,2
I WILL LOVE THEE, JEHOVAH

- I. Promised love.
 - A. David promises, i.e. he is expressing a vow, and he makes a fixed resolution.
 - B. His vow is to love Jehovah.
 - 1. The word translated “love” means to love deeply and speaks of a most intimate, tender, and compassionate love.
 - 2. David makes this promise out of gratitude for God delivering him from his enemies.
 - 3. Love for God is the heart of obedience (Matt. 22:37), the first fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22).
 - C. “Jehovah” is the object of David’s love.
 - 1. “Jehovah” is the self-sufficient One Who changes never.
 - 2. God lays claim on our love for: being so absolutely perfect in His being, marvelously creating, wonderfully providing.
 - 3. And David promises to love “my God.”
- II. What are your reasons for loving God so much? Because what He is for me.
 - A. The many titles and names emphasize that God is everything to me, which is why I love Him so.
 - B. The names and titles.
 - 1. “Rock” refers to the mountain concealments David had when escaping Saul.
 - 2. “Strength” is a prevailing force (Ps. 27:1; 62:2,6).
 - 3. “Fortress” is a stronghold or garrison; so one is secure forever no matter the foe.
 - 4. “Deliverer” (an escape) out of the hand of enemies; rescued when own strength fails.
 - 5. “Strength” (most often translated “rock”) emphasizes immobile, firm strength.
 - 6. “Buckler” is a shield which wards off blows of sword or arrow.
 - 7. “Horn of my salvation.”
 - 8. “My high tower” is a citadel, a high rocky eminence beyond the reach of enemies (Masada).
- III. Knowledge of all that God is and all that He is for me results in trust (“in whom I will trust”).
 - A. We must understand these names and titles, for the more I know Him for Who He is, the more I will not fear.
 - B. Then we will trust Him seek refuge, flee for protection, confide or hope in Him.
 - 1. Our faith rests a solid foundation in every storm of life.
 - 2. The more we rest and trust in Him, the more precious we find Him to be.
 - C. May I resolve to love Jehovah, to abide in the nearest and most intimate union with the Most High God!