

## PRAYING PSALM 18 (PART I)

“I will call upon the name of the Lord...so shall I be saved from my enemies” (Psalm 19:3).

This is the prayer of a warrior. David probably composed this psalm after many victories over his foreign enemies. The prayer is filled with metaphors, symbols, and personifications. He wrote in poetry to make his experiences more vivid. The reality of this psalm is that David saw answers to prayer in the nature, which turned into supernatural interventions of God's deliverance.

1. David praised God for who He is (1-3). “My rock and fortress...my deliverer...my strength...my shield...my stronghold.” 2. HIS PRAYERS CAME OUT OF FEARS AND DISTRESS (4-6). “The pangs of death surrounded me... made me afraid...the sorrows of sheol surrounded me...the snares of death confronted me.” 3. DAVID DESCRIBED THE LORD'S INTERVENTIONS THROUGH THEOPHANIES AND SYMBOLS (7-15) He saw God's deliverance in earthquakes, fire and smoke, darkness. God answered by cherubim that flew on the wind. He came in dark waters and thick clouds. He came in hail and rain. God spoke through thunder. He sent Lightning bolts like arrows. God was in the storms of the sea. The wind was described as the blast of His nostrils. 3. DAVID DESCRIBED WHY GOD DELIVERED HIM (16-19). God delivered David from his enemies, because He delighted in him.

When you are in God's will and pray in faith, nothing can keep God from answering. Nothing in Heaven and earth can stop God. God acts supernaturally through the natural. The God of the physical is Your spiritual enemies have no chance when God delights in you. Through prayer God will move from strength to strength. Look for answers to prayer everywhere, every time. If need be, God will move Heaven and earth to answer your prayers.