

## **“Deliver Us From Evil – Experiencing God Through Deliverance” \*Psalm 18 \* 8/26/07**

### *I. The Names of God Which Speak of His Power To Deliver*

- *Jehovah-Rapha: the Lord our Healer, who delivers from sickness*
- *Jehovah-Jireh: the Lord our Provider, who delivers from need*
- *Jehovah-Nissi: the Lord our banner, who delivers us in battle*
- *Jehovah-Shalom: The Lord our peace, who delivers from battle*
- *Jehovah-Tsidkenu: The Lord our Righteousness, who delivers us from sin*
- *The name of Jesus: the Lord our Salvation who saves us.*

*The Lord is my... (created your own psalm of praise)*

*Lesson 1: To Experience God’s Delivering Power I Must Acknowledge That God Has Delivered Me Already.*

### *II. Lesson 2: To Experience God’s Delivering Power I Must Acknowledge That I Need Deliverance (vss.4-6)*

*A. What verbs does David use to describe his condition?*  
**Entangled. Overwhelmed. Cords coiled around him. Snared. He is utterly helpless. Trapped.**

*B. What do I need deliverance from?*

*1. Danger, Disease & Death*

*How much control over our lives do we **really** have?*

*2. The Devil.*

*3. Sin*

*C. Where do I feel entangled, overwhelmed & ensnared?*

*III. Lesson 3: To Experience God’s Delivering Power I Must Call On God And Believe That He Is On My Side. (vss.6-19)*

*A. What does this poem tell us about God?*

**That he swiftly, passionately, powerfully will come to our aid.**

*B. What event did David have in mind as he wrote this poem?*

**It was the single-most, instrumental and important act of deliverance in all the Old Testament. And time and time again, God told his people, “Don’t you ever forget this.” When God delivered the Hebrew slaves from Egypt and brought them through the Red Sea into the Promised Land.**

*C. Just as Israel had a great deliverance to look back on, what great deliverance do we have to look back on?*

**You and I don’t have an Exodus in our past. We have something far better. Far greater. A deliverance from God that blows the parting of the Red Sea away. A deliverance that also came with earthquakes and dark clouds and mighty winds and the rending not of seas but a veil of holiness that had separated men from God. It was a deliverance God brought about on a hill called Golgatha, Calvary, where the sinless Son of God had his body broken and his blood spilt for you and for me.**

### *IV. Lesson 4: To Experience God’s Delivering Power I Must Make Sure My Heart Is Right With God (vss.20-27)*

*A. When the Bible uses the word “righteousness” it can mean:*

*1. a right standing with God.*

*2. or right behavior before God.*

*B. While no one receives a right standing with God by right behavior, does God reward right behavior in other ways? Examples from Scripture:*

**Noah. Elizabeth & Zechariah. Mary. Cornelius.**

*V. Lesson 5: To Experience God’s Delivering Power I Must Serve God With All My Heart While Relying On His Power. (vss.28-36)*

A. *What important spiritual principle does David grasp here?*

**God works with those who work.**

**God gives his power to those who serve him with their power.**

**God gives his all to those who give their all.**

B. *How can we get this out of balance?*

There are Christians who are sloppy, or lazy, who do very little – and they justify their behavior by saying, “Well you know it’s all up to God. My little contribution doesn’t matter in the grand scheme of things. Let go and let God, that’s my philosophy.” Then there are Christians who sin on the other side, who think it’s all up to them, and they serve God with this frenzy of dizzying activity, and they never stop, and they sacrifice their health and their family to it – and they justify their behavior with all kinds of spiritual gibberish. “Jesus said I have to deny myself. I have to serve him with all my heart. If Jesus could die on the cross for me, then I should be able to give him my all.” But their “all” is far more than Jesus ever asked for. People like this, churchaholics, are often driven by motives that are not so pure and godly when you examine them up close. Many of them really don’t believe that God is on their side, that God really loves them, and behind it all, they’re thinking that maybe if they just give enough, God will look down on them and smile approvingly. And they’re so restless inside. And they end up browbeating the people around them, alienating their family and friends, and giving God a black eye in the eyes of the others, who say, “If that’s what being a Christian is, I don’t want to be that.”

VI. *Lesson 6: God wants me to experience his deliverance so that he can use me to deliver others. (vss.37ff)*

A. *What am I a king or queen over? And what does God want me to do?*

**My friend, in a very real way, God makes each one of us his kings and queens as well. We are each descendants of David. We serve a spiritual kingdom. That kingdom begins inside of your soul. God commissions you to first conquer the kingdom of your own heart. To bring to heel inside of you the spiritual enemies which wage war against your soul. By his power you can do this. By Jesus’ power in you, you can learn to conquer those sins and**

**habits and thoughts; you can rise up to be a new kind of man or woman that exhibits Christlike character in what you say and do. And then as you begin to experience this power in your life, God asks you to let the rule of his kingdom flow out of you to bring deliverance to others. Let it flow out to embrace first your family. Then it flow out to embrace your neighbors and friends. Let it flow out to embrace your community.**