

Ps 18:29 ¶ For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. 30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. 31 For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?"

King David continues to speak of the physical attributes, and the blessings that God bestowed upon him. Because God had given his enemies into his hands, when he met a troop, David didn't try to go around it, but met it head on and cut a path right through the center of the enemy.

"As for God, his way is perfect:" David reminds us of a great truth which we should hold dear and foremost in our hearts and minds. God is perfectly complete in and of himself, and God's way is complete. David can say this because God had done completely, what God said he would do. God put David on the throne over all Israel, and had made tributaries of all the surrounding nations, so that now King David is ruling over all the land of promise, even though Israel has not destroyed all the occupants of the land as they were supposed to do. We can certainly find witness with Israel in this. When born again and given a new nature in Christ, do we drive out all the inhabitants of our old nature, or do we make treaties with some, and because of our own sins, God does not give us the strength to drive them all out of their place in our body of flesh.

"the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him." King David tells us that he has put full trust in the word of the Lord, and he found God to be a shield of defense around him. We know this is true because Jesus demonstrated this for us when he was here on earth in human flesh. Every time Satan tempted Jesus, he received the word of God, rightly divided, and the command to depart from the presence of Jesus. It ought to be the same in our lives. Some will say: but preacher, we are not Jesus, God in the flesh, so we cannot do this. To which Jesus answers: I am in you. If you have been diligent to study and familiarize yourself with my word of truth, you cannot do this in your own strength, but you can do it in my strength.

32 "It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect."

King David looks back through his life and knows that God has girded him with the strength and faith that he needed to hold fast to God's promises. Because God did this for him, God has completed his promise to David and brought David to the zenith of his life. This principle can be applied to our own lives as children of God.

33 "He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places. 34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by my arms. 35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great. 36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip. 37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. 38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet. 39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me. 40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. 41 They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not. 42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets."

Notice that King David continues to attribute all that he is to the glory of God. David tells us that God has girded him with strength, and made his feet as hinds' feet, so that his feet do not slip where he might fall and be wounded or killed. He proclaims the shield of salvation that God has given him. He tells us that the right hand of God has held him upright. He proclaims that God has enlarged his steps, which tells us that God has given him dominion over all the land of promise. Even in the face of his greatest enemies his feet were sure.

In the hinds' feet, God gave him the swiftness he needed to pursue and overtake his enemies, and when he overtook them, God delivered them into his hand. God furnished him with the strength to fight against his enemies, until they were wounded and unable to revolt against him anymore. God had given his enemies to be trodden underfoot.

David tells us that his enemies from without Israel called upon their idols who could not deliver them. He tells us that even Saul, and enemy in the camp, prayed to God, but God did not answer him. Then, when God allowed Saul to be slain, and David came to power on the throne, David did beat his enemies to dust. Think about how Moses did beat the golden calf that Israel made into dust and straved the dust upon the waters and

made Israel to drink their idol. This is the image David is portraying of his enemies. Their idols were cast down and they could not but drink of their insurrection against God. Well preacher, we thought they were fighting against David not God. They were fighting against David, but they were also fighting against the will of God for David's life. They were trying to destroy the promise of God to David, that he would reign over all Israel; thus, they are fighting against God. When we commit sin, we are always fighting against God.

We have a reminder here: the way of our inherited nature is corrupted and adverse to God, but the new nature of Christ in us is perfect, as is the Word of God. The way of God is perfect, even when we do not understand what God is doing or allowing to go on in this world. How do we know that the way of God is perfect? Because we know the end of the way of God, which is the resurrection of the dead in Christ, who are going to be carried away to the place of perfection which Jesus has gone to prepare for us.

The gospel of Jesus Christ declares these same things to us. Because we are indwelt with the Holy Spirit power, just as David was given power to overcome his natural enemies: God has given to us the power to overcome our old inherited sin nature. He has given us the necks of our enemies. Who are these inherited sin nature enemies? We are told who they are in ***Ga 5:18-21; 18 "But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."*** The Holy Spirit power of Christ in us, does for us that which it did for King David. The power of the Holy Spirit enables us to refuse to engage in these previous things mentioned and bring forth bad fruit. The Holy Spirit power enables us to bring forth good fruits as seen in ***Ga 5:22-26; 22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."*** The Holy Spirit power in us, just as it was in King David, gives us the power to overcome the inherited sin nature and to yield the fruits of the Spirit. Now preacher, how do we know that David was indwelt with the Holy Spirit power? We thought that it was a New Testament thing, not Old Testament. Because God tells us in ***1Sa 16:13 "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward."*** Understand, dear Christian friends, God has always saved his people by his grace. In the Old Testament and in the New Testament, you will find where the saints of God found grace in God's sight.

God has made our feet like hinds' feet in that we are planted upon the solid rock, Jesus Christ, and his finished work, and God has given us the scriptures to fill our hearts and minds with, that they may be a ready sword of defense, which if used properly will strengthen us, wounds our enemies, and put them to subjection under our feet. The power of God's word of truth will grind them to powder.

Why would God do this for us? Because he is delighted in us, as he delighted in King David. Why is He delighted in us? Because of the Christ in us, who is His beloved Son, manifested by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

43 "Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me. 44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me. 45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places. 46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. 47 It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me. 48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. 49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name. 50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore."

Remember, at the beginning we were told, David spake these words? ***"who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul:"*** David has reached the zenith of his life. God has given him deliverance from all his enemies, made him King over all Israel, and has given him peace with all the surrounding nations. This is why David can write these last few verses, which are a prophetic picture of the coming King Jesus.

Understand that in the resurrection from the dead, Jesus was delivered from the strivings of the people who sought to harm him. The prophetic picture is Jesus would reveal himself to a people who have not heretofore been known unto him, the Gentiles, who were grafted into the New Testament Church. These strangers, as soon as the voice of King Jesus is revealed to them, they immediately yield themselves in humble obedience to the one true King. When Jesus has imparted to these, who were once strangers to grace, the indwelling Holy Spirit, their enemies, from their inherited sin nature, fall in fear and give place to the new nature of Christ in us.

This is all because of the delivering power of Jesus Christ through his finished work of salvation upon the cross. Jesus is the Rock upon which the Church of Salvation by Grace is founded. It is Jesus who has delivered us from the violent man. Remember the violent man is one who would murder without cause, as Saul would have murdered David, except for the grace of God, and as Satan would murder us, except for the grace of God.

Because of our eternal life, and eternally security in Jesus Christ, we give thanks to God among the heathen of this world, and sing praises to our Saviour and King, Jesus Christ. There is no greater deliverance ever been manifested to mankind, than that of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Jesus's resurrection from the dead is a prophetic picture of the great deliverance of the sinner from eternal death to eternal life in Christ. This prophetic picture, of Jesus rising from the dead, will be completely fulfilled when Jesus returns the second time, and speaks the word for the dead in Christ to rise first. Jesus is the anointed of God who sits upon the throne of God in the eternal heaven, and we are his seed. Wherefore, God sheweth mercy to his seed forever. Hallelujah! Praise! we the Lord! Amen!