

The Victorious King: Righteous Before God

2 Samuel 22:1-31

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I. God thunders against David's enemies

- A. Occasion
- B. God: rock, fortress, stronghold, refuge, shield
- C. God: deliverer, horn, savior from violence
- D. God: hearer of my cries
- E. Seeing God (Exodus 19:18; 20:18; 25:18-22; also Genesis 3:24; Psalms 80:1; 99:1; Exodus 20:21)
- F. Trouble (in the rearview mirror)

II. David's Audacious Claim

- A. The Lord's rescue was a reward for my righteousness!
- B. God's justice
- C. How can this be true? (Romans 3:9-18)
- D. Possible interpretations
 - i. David is just wrong: he is pretty much as bad as anyone, and worse than some.
 - ii. David is counting on God having a low standard for righteousness.
 - iii. David is claiming to be righteous *by virtue of his bond with God*.
 - iv. David is claiming righteousness *in a certain situation or relationship* – not in all of his life.

III. Transformed by God

- A. God's love transforms.
- B. God's love defines. (see Psalm 51:2)
- C. God's love vindicates. (see Zechariah 9:9)

The bulletin (highly condensed):

Psalms: 18A, 18B, 18C, 99A

Presenting: David (next week: Jonathan)

Closing: Matt (next week: Daniel)

Nursery: Nia (next week: Deryl)