

INTRODUCTION

A. THE POET'S PENULTIMATE PRAISE (23:1; 22:1f&23:1f; 22:1ff)

B. PRAISE FOR ANSWERED PRAYER (22:4f,7f,50; see 1 w/2Sam.7-10; note: = Ps.18:2f)

C. ELEMENTS OF ANSWERED PRAYER (c.22 (A)21:1-14; (B)21:15-22; (C)22:1-51 X (C)23:1-7; (B)23:8-39; (A)24:1-25)

I. PREPARATIONS FOR ANSWERED PRAYER

A. REPENTANCE (21:14 & 24:25; Ps.66:18; Prov.1:28; 28:9; Is.1:15; 1Pt.3:7)

B. FAITH (21:1; 24:14; see Ps.78:3f; Heb.11:6)

C. OBEDIENCE (22:20f; see Dt.30:1-3; Ps.91:15; Mt.5:3f)

II. CONTENT OF ANSWERED PRAYER

A. CONFESSION OF HOPELESSNESS IN SELF (22:5,6; see Ps.116:3; Jon.2:3)

B. PROFESSION OF HOPE IN GOD (22:2,3; see Ps.38:15; 42:5,11; 43:5; 146:5; Acts 24:15; Rom.15:13; see "rock"; 22:2,3,32,47; 23:3; 1Sam.2:2; 23:25,28; Dt.32:4,13,15,18,31,37; Ps.(18:2,etc.); 19:14; etc; *1Cor.10:4*)

C. CALL & CRY TO GOD (22:4,7; see Ps.116:4; 118:5; Mt.6:9f; Lk.18:1f,38f; Phil.4:6; Heb.5:7; see Jms.4:2b)

III. RESPONSE TO ANSWERED PRAYER

A. PRAISE WITH THANKSGIVING (4,50; see 1Chr.16:4,35; 23:30; Ps.30:4,12; 100:4; Heb.13:15)

B. WORDS OF A SONG (1; see Psalms!; e.g., 30:4,12; Eph.5:19,20; Col.3:16,17)

C. TIMELY (22:1 w/2Sam.7-10; see Dt.23:31; Ps.66:13f,16)

D. TESTIMONY TO HIS GENERAL SALVATION (22:7f; 8f; 16f; see 17&20 w/Dt.6:23; Acts 26:18; Col.1:13)

E. TESTIMONY TO HIS JUSTICE (22:20-25; 26-28; see Dt.28:2; Rom.10:5)

F. TESTIMONY TO HIS EQUIPPING FOR SERVICE (22:29-43; see Eph.2:5f,10; 4:12f)

G. TESTIMONY TO HIS UNIVERSAL GLORY (22:44-51; see 1; 7:1; 8:1f; 6,14; see chps.7-10)

IV. LESSONS FOR BELIEVING & DOING

A. LOOK TO JESUS ALONE ABOVE ALL! (22:5f; 8f; 20f; 35f; 44f; 51; see Acts 2:30f; 2Sam.23:2; see Heb.2:12; see Phil.2:5-11; Eph.1:19-23)

B. LOOK TO JESUS FOR ANSWERED PRAYER (22:51,1f; see Jn.14:13; 15:16)

1. prepare for answered prayer by repentance, faith & obedience (I above)

2. make the content of your answered prayers confession, profession & petition (II, above)

3. make your response to answered prayer singing praise with thanksgiving (III, above)

C. LOOK FOR ANSWERS TO PRAYER IN FELLOWSHIP (21:18f & 23:8f; see 16:31&32 (chps.17,18); see 1Cor.12:25; Eph.4:11f,16; Acts 2:42)

D. BUILD ON THE ROCK BY MEANS OF PRAYER (22:2,3,31; 23:3,5; with 22:4,7; see Lk.6:47f)

E. PRAISE THE LORD! (22:1f; see 50; Ps.18:49; Rom.15:9 /Ps.146:1,2,10; 147:1,12,20; 148:1,7,14; 148:7,14; 149:1,9; 150:1,6)