

**Psalm 18**  
**for Elizabeth**  
**Monday, July 8, 2019**

Taken from King David's songbook – almost word-for-word as written in 2 Samuel 22 – “David sang to the LORD [Jehovah - God's personal, name as Creator of all that is] when the LORD delivered him from the hand of his enemies (attack from the outside) and from the hand of Saul (attack from the inside).”

Opening: v. 1

Part 1: The God David loves: vv. 2-6

Part 2: God's response:

Part 3: vv. 7-15 – who is this God? The Creator of a fragile earth – cosmic presence of God

Part 4: vv. 16-19 – God's rescue, support and delight in us

Part 5: vv. 20-24 – David's testimony...

- “the LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness” (vv. 20 - to open; v. 24 - to close)
- “cleanness of my hands”
  - “I have kept the ways of the LORD (v. 21)
  - “I have been blameless” (v. 23)
- “The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness” (repeats opening self-examination)
- “according to the cleanness of my hands”

Part 6: vv. 25-45 – David's prayer to God (he speaks **to** God; he speaks **of** God; he speaks **about** God. In the middle of this prayer – v. 35: “*your right hand* sustains me; you stoop down (God's mercy; another translation uses the word God “condescends”); *my ankles do not turn*”

Part 7: vv. 46-50 – praise to the **LORD**, the **Rock**, **God**, my **Savior**, and the **Lord** (again, v. 49).