

Giving Thanks

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- God as a refuge - David understood God's protection well: see 1&2 Samuel
- David knew God was his rock Psa 40:2
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God's Deliverance

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- v7-11: Mt Sinai - giving of the law through Moses
- We have Jesus - Heb 12:18-24 as mediator to stand before God
 - v12-13: the victories of Joshua 10
 - v14-15: the miraculous deliverance from Egypt through the Red Sea
 - v16-19: David makes God's deliverance person & real for God's chosen

A Believer's Hope

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- Why would God deliver a sinner like David, a liar, murderer, adulterer?
- v19: He rescued me because He delighted in me! The WHY of the Gospel!
- That's why v20 – God deals with us according to the Messiah's righteousness which is ours by faith!

The Ways of God

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- David shows that God deals with every man just as that man deals with God
- Key: v27: For you save humble people...
- Be humble, come to God in His provision of the Messiah v50
- God saves His people: v28 – God must light our lamp & show us mercy

Victorious Servants of God

30-45

- David repeats God's victories w/ a personal flair - as a redeemed servant
- God uses His servants to fight battles for His glory – He equips as needed!
 - ☞ Need wisdom - Jms 1:5 ☞ Need peace - Jn 14:27
 - ☞ Need fruit of Spirit - Gal 5:22-23; Phil 4:19

Praise to my Rock

46-50

- Christ the Messiah is David & our hope!
- Messiah is culmination & focus of God's Unfolding Story:
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