



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, June 21, 2026.

Please welcome the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: *God So Loved*

Good Good Father

Announcements for Sunday 6/21/2026

Thanks for joining our Worship Service this Sunday

- **Construction of the Patio Cover** should begin soon. The contractor and Rodney will visit the county this week.
- **The Pool is open!** There are pool use forms in the carport on the desk counter.
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Adoration: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Selected Scriptures reading: *Psalm 18 A Psalm of David*

Message: *Psalm 18: I Love You, O LORD, My Strength*

Affirmation: *Glory to Glory*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Selected scriptures from PSALM 18 A Psalm of David.

PSALM 18

The LORD Praised for Giving Deliverance.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to 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. And he said,

1 "I love You, O LORD, my strength."

2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

And I am saved from my enemies.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,

And cried to my God for help;

He heard my voice out of His temple,

And my cry for help before Him came into His ears.

16 He sent from on high, He took me;

He drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,

And from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity,

But the LORD was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a broad place;

He rescued me, because He delighted in me.

25 With the kind You show Yourself kind;

With the blameless You show Yourself blameless;

26 With the pure You show Yourself pure,

And with the crooked You show Yourself astute.

27 For You save an afflicted people,

But haughty eyes You abase.

30 As for God, His way is blameless;

The word of the LORD is tried;

He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

32 The God who girds me with strength

And makes my way blameless?

33 He makes my feet like hinds' feet,

And sets me upon my high places.

34 He trains my hands for battle,

So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation,

And Your right hand upholds me;

And Your gentleness makes me great.

46 The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock;

And exalted be the God of my salvation,

49 Therefore I will give thanks to You among the nations, O LORD,

And I will sing praises to Your name.

50 He gives great deliverance to His king,

And shows lovingkindness to His anointed,

To David and his descendants forever.

Devotional: Psalm 68:5 A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows,
Is God in His holy habitation.

PSALM 37 A Psalm of David

Security of Those Who Trust in the LORD, and Insecurity of the Wicked.

PSALM 37: 1-2, 9-10, 20, 35-36 Wicked prosper temporarily versus the
Righteous have eternal security

PSALM 37:3-6 Trust in the LORD is the foundation of righteous living.

PSALM 37:4 The call to delight in God above all else.

PSALM 37:12-15, 17, 23-24, 33 The sovereignty of God over human affairs.

PSALM 37:21, 27, 30-31 The ethical life of the righteous.

PSALM 37:7, 34 The importance of patience and waiting for God.

Psalm 18 and 2 Samuel 22

Theological significance of preserving the words in two places:

- **Same inspired message in two contexts:**
 - **One for corporate worship (Psalm 18)**
 - **One for historical remembrance (2 Samuel 22) and narrative arc.**
- **The deliverance of God is both personal and national.**
 - **The private praise of David becomes the public liturgy of Israel.**
- **Two locations, two functions**
 - **2 Samuel 22, summarizing David's kingship, before his final words, summarizing the faithfulness of God to the Davidic covenant**
 - **Psalm 18 is a foundational royal Psalm.**
 - **Covenant documents require historical record (legal) and liturgical remembrance (community): Israel needed to sing what God has sworn.**

Psalm 18: Nine themes

Who God is, and how God works in the in the lives of His people:

- God is the refuge of David.
- David had been in deadly danger.
- God intervened with power in David's situation.

- God rescued David personally
- God rewarded David's covenant faithfulness
- God empowered David for the battles in life.
- God gave the victory to David.
- God is worthy of the praise of David.
- God's covenant extends all the way to the Messiah

Psalm 18:1-3 God is the refuge of David

- I love you (womb word - mother's emotional love for the child she has carried).
- 7 metaphors for God: Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, God, Shield, Horn of Salvation, Stronghold.
- Is God your refuge today? To what or who do you run when the sirens sound? Are you running to a substitute refuge (approval of others, a relationship, a substance)?
- The love that David has for God is emotional and deeply personal. How would you describe your own love for God?

Psalm 18:6 David was in deadly danger.

- Verses 4, 5 describe the crisis: the cords of death, the torrents of ungodliness, the cords of Sheol, the snares of death. David did not know if he would survive.
- David cries (like a lion roaring) in desperation.
- God hears (from His cosmic temple). Miracle: single cry of desperation from a man in the Middle East, reach the eternal throne room of God.
- Are you or someone you know squeezed from all sides in the narrow place? Roar: cry out: be honest, open, and transparent with God.
- God is both omniscient and attentive. How can this change the way you approach prayer.
- Would it be helpful to start a journal between you and God that is open, honest, and transparent?
- Study the prayers of desperation (Jonah 2, Lamentations 3, Hannah in 1 Samuel 1, Elijah in 1 Kings 19).

Psalm 18:7-15 God intervened with power.

- Not in this morning's reading, sets up verse 16-19.
- Earth shakes. Heavens bow. Smoke. Darkness. God rides on a cherub. God flies on the wings of the wind. Lightning flashes.
- Thunder rolls.
- Theophany: appearance of God (Exodus, Red Sea, Mount Sinai, Jordan River). David: "THAT" God showed up for me.

- How can we cultivate a sense of awe of the power of God in ordinary life?
- Read theophany passages (Exodus 19, 1 Kings 19, Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 1, Revelation 4). How can this build a more complete picture of God?

Psalm 18:25-27 God rewarded righteousness.

- There is a moral framework that undergirds the dealings of God with humanity. The humble are lifted. The proud are brought low.
- Principle: God mirrors the posture of those who approach Him.
 - The loyal person finds God to be loyal.
 - The blameless/ whole person finds God to be blameless in His dealings with them.
 - The pure finds God to be pure.
 - The twisted finds God to be astute, wrestling, resisting, and outwitting.
- The tax collector in Luke 18: “God, be merciful to me, the sinner.” Humility is the only posture that positions us to receive with God is offering.
- What is the posture that you have with God today? Is it open and humble or are you approaching with conditions and half-heartedness?
- What does walking blamelessly before God look like in daily, practical terms for you?
- Can you use Psalm 139:23-24 as a weekly prayer of self-examination?

Psalm 18:32-35 God empowers David.

- The person who is rescued becomes the person who is equipped.
- Salvation is not the end of the story. Salvation is the beginning of a commissioned and equipped life.
- God girds with strength. God make the way blameless. God gives sure-footed agility. God trains hands for battle. God gives the shield of salvation.
- The gentleness of God makes David great. Amazing: God stoops!
- Do you feel unequipped for what life has asked of you? The same God Who saved/ rescued you is the same God Who will equip/ train you. You just have to be willing. His gentleness will make you great.
- What area of your life needs that kind of touch from God?
- What would spiritual training look like for you practically?
- What disciplines, experiences, and relationships is God using to train you?

Psalm 18:30, 37-45 God gives victory David.

- Verse 30 is a pivot and is the foundation for the victories in verses 37-45.
 - That foundation is the character of God and the word of God.
 - The way of God is blameless. The word of God is tried, refined, and proven.
 - God is a shield to all who take their refuge in Him.
 - Victory flows from relationship with God (flawless character, reliable word).
 - The Christian who wants to live in victory must be firmly rooted in the character and promises of God.
- Is the Word of God and the character of God the foundation for your decision-making?
- What does it mean to practically to make God a shield; to actively take refuge in Him, in the face of a specific challenge you are currently facing?
- Maybe choose a promise of God that is relevant to your current situation, write it on a card that you can carry, speak it aloud daily. At the end of the week, write about your experience in a journal.

Psalm 18:46 God is worthy of the praise of David.

- God is the living God: The God Who acts, Who Speaks, Who intervenes, Who rescues, Who empowers, Who give victory.
- For David, “This is my God” (my rock). The God Who heard my cry, Who drew me from the waters, Who trained my hands, Who gave me victory.
- “My salvation” (yeshuah).
- The theology of worship is that true praise is the natural overflow of a soul that has met the living God in its own wilderness. When you have been in a valley and God draws you out, your worship is authentic.
- Other than a Sunday morning, when was the last time you really worshipped?
- Can you connect your testimony to your worship? What is the relationship between your personal testimony and the quality of your worship?
- Are there other “living” alternatives to the living God that compete for your devotion?
- Does the personal possessive of salvation change the nature of your worship?

Psalm 18:48-50 God's covenant extends to the Messiah.

- This is the prophetic declaration that stretches from the Sinai covenant through the Davidic covenant and the way to Jesus Christ and the global church.
- Verse 49 is directly quoted by Paul in Romans 15:9 explaining Gentile salvation, and the Messianic mission to the nations.
- David and his descendants forever points beyond immediate biological descendant to the ultimate fulfillment of all of the promises: Jesus Christ, the Son of David Who sits on the throne of David forever (Luke 1:32-33).
- Lovingkindness (covenant loyalty) shows the unconditional commitment of God to His promise.
- The psalm that began with one man's love for God ends with God's love for all humanity, expressed through the Messiah who descends from David's line.
- When God makes a covenant, He keeps it. When God says forever, He means it.
- How does your life serve as a form of praise in your sphere of influence (among the nations), your family, your workplace, your school, your neighborhood. Can you make a list of people you know that do not know Christ and pray to God how you can more intentionally influence?

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Are you willing to let this psalm become your psalm?

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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