

# PSALM 18

1  
I || **will love** | thee,  
O LORD,  
my strength.

2  
The LORD || **is** \ rock,  
\my  
and  
fortress:  
\my  
and  
deliverer;  
\my  
God,  
\my  
strength,  
\my  
I || **will trust**;  
| **in whom**  
buckler,  
\my  
and  
the horn  
\of salvation,  
\my  
and  
tower.  
\my \high

3  
I || **will call**  
| upon the LORD,  
| **who** || **is** \ worthy  
| **to be praised**:

so  
I || **shall be saved**  
| from enemies.  
\mine

4  
The sorrows || **compassed** | me,  
\of death  
and  
the floods || **made** | me \ afraid.  
\of men  
\ungodly

5  
The sorrows || **compassed about** | me:  
\of hell  
the snares || **prevented**<sup>confronted</sup> | me.  
\of death

6  
| In <sup>b<sup>e</sup></sup> distress  
\my  
I || **called**  
| upon the LORD,  
and  
**cried**  
| unto<sup>413 'el</sup> God:  
\my  
he || **heard** | voice  
| out of temple, \my  
\His  
and  
cry || **came**  
\my | before<sup>i<sup>e</sup></sup> him,  
| even | into<sup>b<sup>e</sup></sup> ears.  
\his

7  
Then  
the earth || **shook**  
and  
**trembled**;  
the foundations || **moved**  
\of the hills | and  
| also | **were shaken**,  
| **because** <sup>ki</sup>  
| he || **was** \wroth.

8  
There  
a smoke || **went up**  
| out of<sup>b<sup>e</sup></sup> nostrils,  
\his  
and  
fire || **devoured**  
| out of mouth  
\his

coals || **were kindled**  
by it.

9  
He || **bowed** | the heavens  
also,  
and  
**came down**:

and  
darkness || **was**  
under feet.  
his

10  
And  
he || **rode**  
upon a cherub,  
and  
**did fly**:

yea,  
he || **did fly**  
upon the wings  
of the wind.

11  
He || **made** | darkness | place;  
his | secret

pavilion || **were** | waters  
his | dark  
round about him | and  
clouds  
thick  
of the skies.

12  
At the brightness  
that || **was**  
before him

clouds || **passed** ,  
his | thick  
hail stones  
and  
coals  
of fire.

13  
The LORD || **thundered**  
also | in<sup>b<sup>e</sup></sup> the heavens,

and  
the Highest || **gave** | voice;  
his  
hail stones  
and  
coals of fire.

14  
Yea,  
he || **sent out** | arrows,  
and | his  
**scattered** | them;

and  
he || **shot out** | lightnings,  
and  
**discomfited** | them.

15  
Then  
the channels || **were seen**,  
of waters  
and  
the foundations || **were discovered**  
of the world | at rebuke,  
thy

O LORD,  
at the blast  
of the breath  
of nostrils.  
thy

16  
He || **sent**  
from above,

he || **took** | me,  
he || **drew** | me  
out of waters.  
many

17  
He || **delivered** | me  
from enemy,  
my | strong  
and | from them  
which || **hated** | me:

for<sup>kī</sup>  
they || **were** | strong  
too | for me.

18

They || **prevented** | me  
|in<sup>b<sup>e</sup></sup> the day  
|of calamity:  
|my

but  
the LORD || **was** |<sup>l<sup>e</sup></sup> stay.  
|my

19

He || **brought forth** | me  
|also  
|into<sup>l<sup>e</sup></sup> a place;  
|large

he || **delivered** | me,

**because** for / k<sup>i</sup>

he || **delighted**  
|in me.

20

The LORD || **rewarded** | me  
|according to<sup>k<sup>e</sup></sup>  
|righteousness;  
|my

|according to<sup>k<sup>e</sup></sup> the cleanness  
|of hands  
|my

he || **hath recompensed** | me.

21

**For** k<sup>i</sup>  
I || **have kept** | the ways  
|of the LORD,  
and  
**have departed**  
|not |wickedly  
|from my God.

22

**For** k<sup>i</sup>  
judgments || **were**  
|all |his |before<sup>l<sup>e</sup></sup> me,

and

I || **did put away** | statutes  
|not |his  
|from me.

23

I || **was** | upright  
|also  
|before him,

and

I || **kept** | myself  
|from iniquity.  
|mine

24

Therefore  
the LORD || **has recompensed** |<sup>l<sup>e</sup></sup> me  
|according to<sup>k<sup>e</sup></sup>  
|righteousness,  
|my  
|according to<sup>k<sup>e</sup></sup> the  
|cleanness  
|of hands  
|my

|in eyesight.  
|his

25

|With the merciful  
thou || **wilt shew** | thyself / merciful;

|with an man  
|upright

thou || **wilt shew** | thyself / upright;  
26

|With the pure  
thou || **wilt shew** | thyself / pure;

and

|with the froward  
thou || **wilt shew** | thyself / froward;

27

**For** k<sup>i</sup>  
thou || **wilt save** | the people;  
|afflicted  
but  
**wilt bring down** | looks.  
|high



I || **have wounded** | them

that

they || **were** \ able  
 \not \ **to rise**:

they || **are fallen**  
 \under feet.  
 \my

For  
 thou || **hast girded** | me  
 \with strength  
 \unto<sup>1e</sup> the battle:

thou || **hast subdued** | those  
 \under me  
 that || **rose up**  
 \against me.

Thou || **hast given** | the necks  
 \also \of enemies;  
 \me \mine  
 that

I || **might destroy** | them  
 that || **hate** | me.

They || **cried**,  
 but  
 there  
 none || **was**  
 \to **save** | them:

\even  
 \unto the LORD,  
 but  
 he || **answered** | them  
 \not.

Then  
 I || **did beat** | them  
 \small  
 \as<sup>ke</sup> the dust  
 \before the wind:

I || **did cast out** | them  
 \as<sup>ke</sup> the dirt  
 \in the streets.

Thou || **hast delivered** | me  
 \from the strivings  
 \of the people;

and  
 thou || **hast made** | me \<sup>1e</sup> the head  
 \of the heathen:

a people || **shall serve** | me.  
 whom | I || **have known**  
 \not

As soon as  
 they || **hear**  
 \of me,  
 they || **shall obey** | me:  
 the strangers || **shall submit** | themselves  
 \unto me.

The strangers || **shall fade away**,  
 and  
 \be \afraid  
 \out of places.  
 \their \close

46 The LORD || **liveth**;  
and  
rock || **be** \ blessed  
  \my  
  
and  
the God \_\_\_\_\_ ||  
  | \of my salvation \be exalted.  
let | ^ \_\_\_\_\_

47  
It || **is** \ God  
  |  
  | **that** || **avengeth** | me,  
  | and  
  | **subdueth** | the people  
          \under me.

48  
He || **delivereth** | me  
  | **from enemies:**  
  | \mine  
  
yea,  
thou || **liftest up** | me  
  | **above those**  
          |  
          | **that** || **rise up**  
          | **against me:**

thou || **hast delivered** | me  
  | **from the man.**  
          \violent

49  
Therefore  
  
I || **will give thanks**  
  | **unto thee,**  
O LORD,  
  | **among** <sup>b<sup>e</sup></sup> the heathen,  
  
and  
  | **sing praises**  
  | **unto** <sup>l<sup>e</sup></sup> name.  
          \thy

50  
he || **giveth** | Great deliverance  
  | **to king;**  
  | \his  
and  
  | **sheweth** <sup>shows</sup> | **mercy**  
  | **to** <sup>l<sup>e</sup></sup> anointed,  
  | \his  
  | **to** <sup>l<sup>e</sup></sup> David,  
and | **to** <sup>l<sup>e</sup></sup> seed  
      | \his  
      | **for evermore.**

**PS 18**  
**(NKJV)**

1

**I will love** You,  
O LORD,  
my strength.

2

The LORD **is** my rock  
and my fortress  
and my deliverer;  
My God,  
my strength,  
in whom  
**I will trust;**  
My shield  
and the horn  
of my salvation,  
my stronghold.

3

**I will call**  
upon the LORD,  
**who is worthy**  
to be praised;

So

**shall I be saved**  
from my enemies.

4

The pangs  
of death  
**surrounded** me,  
And  
the floods  
of ungodliness  
**made me afraid.**

5

The sorrows  
of Sheol  
**surrounded** me;  
The snares  
of death  
**confronted** me.

6

In my distress  
**I called**  
upon the LORD,  
And  
**cried** out  
to my God;

He **heard** my voice  
from His temple,  
And  
my cry **came**  
before Him,  
*even*  
to His ears.

7

Then the earth **shook** and **trembled**;  
The foundations  
of the hills  
also **quaked** and **were shaken**,  
**Because**  
He **was** angry.

8

Smoke **went up**  
from His nostrils,  
And  
**devouring** fire  
from His mouth;  
Coals **were kindled**  
by it.

9

He **bowed** the heavens also,  
and **came down**  
With darkness  
under His feet.

10

And  
He **rode**  
upon a cherub,  
and **flew**;

He **flew**  
upon the wings  
of the wind.

11  
He **made** darkness His secret place;

His canopy  
around Him  
**was** dark waters  
*And* thick clouds  
of the skies.

12  
From the brightness  
before Him,  
His thick clouds **passed**  
with hailstones *and* coals  
of fire.

13  
The LORD **thundered**  
from heaven,  
And  
the Most High **uttered** His voice,  
Hailstones  
*and* coals  
of fire.

14  
He **sent out** His arrows  
and  
**scattered** the foe,

Lightnings  
in abundance,  
and  
He **vanquished** them.

15  
Then the channels  
of the sea  
**were seen,**

The foundations  
of the world  
**were uncovered**  
At Your rebuke,  
O LORD,  
At the blast  
of the breath  
of Your nostrils.

16  
He **sent**  
from above,  
He **took** me;  
He **drew me out**  
of many waters.

17  
He **delivered** me  
from my strong enemy,  
From those  
**who hated** me,  
For  
they **were** too strong  
for me.

18  
They **confronted** me  
in the day  
of my calamity,

But  
the LORD **was** my support.

19  
He also **brought me out**  
into a broad place;

He **delivered** me  
**because**  
He **delighted**  
in me.



20

The LORD **rewarded** me  
according to my righteousness;

According to the cleanness  
of my hands  
He **has recompensed** me.

21

For  
I **have kept** the ways  
of the LORD,  
And  
**have not wickedly departed**  
from my God.

22

For  
all His judgments **were**  
before me,  
And  
I **did not put away** His statutes  
from me.

23

I **was** also blameless  
before Him,  
And  
I **kept** myself  
from my iniquity.

24

Therefore  
the LORD **has recompensed** me  
according to my righteousness,  
According to the cleanness  
of my hands  
in His sight.

25

With the merciful  
You **will show** Yourself merciful;  
  
With a blameless man  
You **will show** Yourself blameless;

26

With the pure  
You **will show** Yourself pure;

And  
with the devious  
You **will show** Yourself shrewd.

27

For  
You **will save** the humble people,  
But  
**will bring down** haughty looks.

28

For  
You **will light** my lamp;  
The LORD my God **will enlighten** my  
darkness.

29

For  
by You  
I **can run**  
against a troop,

By my God  
I **can leap**  
over a wall.

30

As for God,  
His way **is** perfect;  
The word of the Lord **is proven**;  
He **is** a shield  
to all  
**who trust**  
in Him.

31

For  
**who is** God,  
except the LORD?  
And  
**who is** a rock,  
except our God?

32

**It is** God  
who arms me  
with strength,  
And  
makes my way perfect.

33

He makes my feet  
like the feet  
of deer,  
And  
sets me  
on my high places.

34

He teaches my hands  
to make war,  
So that  
my arms can bend a bow  
of bronze.

35

You have also given me the shield  
of Your salvation;  
Your right hand has held me up,  
Your gentleness has made me great.

36

You enlarged my path  
under me,  
So  
my feet did not slip.

37

I have pursued my enemies and  
overtaken them;  
Neither  
did I turn back again  
till  
they were destroyed.

38

I have wounded them,  
So that  
they could not rise;  
They have fallen

under my feet.

39

For  
You have armed me  
with strength  
for the battle;  
You have subdued  
under me  
those  
who rose up  
against me.

40

You have also given me the necks  
of my enemies,  
So that  
I destroyed those  
who hated me.

41

They cried out,  
but  
there was none  
to save;  
Even  
to the LORD,  
but  
He did not answer them.

42

Then  
I beat them  
as fine as the dust  
before the wind;  
I cast them out  
like dirt  
in the streets.

43

You have delivered me  
from the strivings  
of the people;  
You have made me the head  
of the nations;  
A people  
[whom]  
I have not known  
shall serve me.

44

**As soon as**  
they **hear**  
lof me  
they **obey** me;

The foreigners **submit**  
lto me.

45

The foreigners **fade away**,  
And **come frightened**  
lfrom their hideouts.

46

The LORD **lives!**  
**Blessed be** my Rock!  
**Let**  
the God  
lof my salvation  
**be exalted.**

47

**It is** God  
**who avenges** me,  
And  
**subdues** the peoples  
lunder me;

48

He **delivers** me  
lfrom my enemies.  
You also **lift me up**  
labove those  
**who rise**  
lagainst me;  
You **have delivered** me  
lfrom the violent man.

49

Therefore  
I **will give thanks**  
lto You,  
O LORD,  
lamong the Gentiles,

And  
**sing praises**  
lto Your name.

50

Great deliverance He **gives**  
lto His king,  
And **shows** mercy  
lto His anointed,  
lTo David <sup>and</sup> his descendants  
forevermore.

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**LORD**