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### DAVID'S SONG OF SONGS

David, said to be “**A man after God’s own heart,**” is a man we have observed closely. We have seen him shown to be a Shepherd, a Soldier, a Singer, a Poet, and a Sinner. He has been known as “*the son of Jesse*”, 1 Samuel 16:19; “*David the King*”, 1 Chronicles 17:16; “*a man after God’s Own heart*”, Acts 13:22; “*the Sweet Psalmist of Israel*”, 2 Samuel 23:1. But now David is nearing the end of his life.

The shadows are growing long for David and time has begun to take its toll in the great king’s life. 2 Samuel 21:15-17 tells us that David went out to battle and waxed faint against the Philistines. “**Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel.**” So, the days of battle ended for King David. He knows that he is nearing the end of his earthly race.

As David remembered where the Lord found him and all that the Lord had done for him, David took his pen in hand and began to write the words of this chapter. As you may know, **2 Samuel 22** is almost identical to **Psalm 18**. There are only a few words that are different in the two versions of this great song.

Some scholars believe that this was the last song written by David. If so, it is the song of his old age. It is a song of joy, victory and praise written at the close of a race well run. Reading this song is like reading all of David’s Psalms rolled into one. This is *David’s Song of Songs!*

As David writes about his own walk with the Lord, he gives us some insight into our walk with God as well. We are reminded of Who God is and of what He does for His

children. Today, I would like to examine this great song. We get a glimpse of a God Who is worthy of our praise; worthy of our worship and worthy of our songs.

Ten times in these two verses David uses the possessive personal pronouns “*my*” and “*me*”. He is talking about the personal kinship that he had with God and he lets us know that it is very personal! David did not just know about God; he knew God! He did not live on what others told him; he knew God for himself. David is saying that the Lord is all he needs in time of trouble. When trouble came, **verses 5-7**, David called on the Lord and God heard his cry and delivered him! There were many times in David’s life when the gates of the cities of men were closed off to him. There were times when he could not go into Jerusalem, nor could he run to the Tabernacle. But, even when the cities of earth were closed to him and offered no help or hope; the gates of Heaven, and even the very throne room of God was opened to his cry. When he lifted his cry to God, God heard him and moved in power to help him!

No wonder David could burst into song! His life had been blessed and graced by Almighty God since the day God called him from following the sheep. God had strengthened him so many times in his life. The least David could do was praise the Lord in return. It is a fitting song designed to thank God for His wonderful blessings. Why not take time to read and sing in your heart the words of Song (Psalm) of II Samuel 22:1-51? It will be well worth it. ***“Thank About It”!***