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### Worthy of Worship

#### *Psalm 18:3*

The psalmist David spoke at a time in his life when he had just witnessed the mighty hand of God, deliver him from his enemies. Listen to what he says, **“I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.”**

The first thing any of us should do when we are faced with any type of enemy in life; be it Satan, disease, poverty, trials and temptations, or whatever else comes, we should first **“call upon the Lord.”** Paul alludes to this same context in Romans 10:12-13 when he says, **“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”** This is not an eternal saving, but rather a saving from those same enemies which David faced, even the enemy of ignorance.

The Lord is surely **“worthy to be praised.”** While David is thankful and recognizing the deliverance from his enemies, he expresses it by declaring the magnitude of strength and power of God. Notice the words of Peter in I Peter 1:7, **“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:...”**

**“...so shall I be saved from mine enemies.”** This ending statement of David goes along with the words found in Luke 1:71, **“That we should be saved from your enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;...”** Luke is referring to the speech of the holy prophets of old who had proclaimed by the revelation of God, the deliverance time and time again which God had wrought for His promised people. This same “saving” is needed by all of us on a daily basis as we face the evil sinfulness of this world. I John 3:13 warns God’s children of these same things, **“Marvel not, my**

**brethren, if the world hate you.”** We should never be surprised or disheartened when this sinful world rejects the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

However, there is peace and comfort for God’s children in the assurance that the Lord is ever watching over us, protecting us, having compassion on us, and interceding for us. That same comfort is expressed in I John 3:14, **“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.”** Showing our love of the Lord by worshiping Him in Spirit and in Truth, recognizes HIS WORTHINESS to be Praised. ***“Think About It!”***