

God Delights in Me

Luke 22:60-62; Psalm 18:19

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *Praying thrives when a person has a relationship to God that is dynamic.*

Peter's failure & restoration is sandwiched between Jesus' prayer for him and his involvement in a 10 day prayer meeting! We need to grasp this amazing Jesus/Peter relationship in the context of a culture of prayer that permeates the Old and New Testaments. One of David's prayers (Psalm 18) can help us.

Context – a Psalm of David at the end of a season of his life during which he had suffered under the attacks of men to the point of nearly being killed by Saul and then others. As this season of life ended due to God's gracious interaction, David wrote this psalm:

- a prayer to God (v. 1,25-29, 35-43, 48b-49),
- containing statements about God (v. 2-24, 30-34, 44-48a, 50),
- a song (sent to the Chief Musician)...all wrapped up together.

Explore four acts in David's drama.

1. My P _____ v. 4-6a, 17b-18a

2. My C _____ v. 6b

3. God's R _____ v. 6c-19a

- 1) God Heard v. 6c
- 2) God Acted v. 7-19a

4. My A of God's Favor v. 19b-26

Here's the exciting part!

What did God know about David (v. 20-24)?

Such is not always true...

Luke 13:25, 27 – "I know you not" Jesus will say

Matthew 7:21-23 – "I never knew you" Jesus will say

Does God know you?

It is out of these experiences that David cries out to God.

Can you make David's words your words?

Can you pray Psalm 18 from the context of our own life?

Learn to pray God's Word in conversation with Him.

Psalm 18:1-3

- "I will love You"
- "You are my everything – my strength, rock, fortress, deliverer, God, strength, buckler, strength of salvation, high tower"
- "I trust You"
- "I will always call to You because You are worthy of my praise"

Psalm 18:6-7, 19a

- "I've been so stressed out. It was because of my problems..."
- "that's when I called out to You and You heard me!"
- "You delivered me from...."

Psalm 18:19b-24

- "I can't believe it, but I've learned that You actually delight in me."
- "You know that I want to please You and live a clean life."
- "You know that I have tried to obey You."
- "You know that I have not turned from You and lived wickedly."
- "You know that I have not ignored what You say in your Word."
- "I know that You delight in me and want to bless me when I strive to live for You."

Psalm 18:49

- "Therefore, will I thank You and sing praise to You."



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