

The Life of King David
Lesson 22 – II Samuel

II Samuel Chapter 22 Student Questions

1. How do the words of this song in chapter 22 compare with Psalm 18?
2. Under what circumstances did David speak this song – 22:1?

[Revisit David's victories in 2 Sam. 8 and 10; this Psalm fits such a time]

3. List the expressions David used for God in 22:2,3. What qualities of God fit these descriptions?
4. What did David do when facing adversaries, trials, fears and inadequacies – 22:4-7? What was the result? (see, 17-20)
5. In vv. 8-16, David figuratively describes the awesome intervention of the LORD. What Old Testament acts of God might these descriptions recall? (for example: the flood, the Exodus, at Sinai, et al; see also, Ex. 15:8; 19:16-20; Psalm 144: 5-7; Habakkuk 3:3-15, for similar descriptions)
6. What reason does David give to explain why God blessed him – 22:20-25?
7. More specifically describe David's upright conduct in 22:22-25?
8. How did David's conduct affect God's treatment of him – 22:25?

9. For each of the following verses, describe how God treats various groups of people:

22:26 –

22:27 –

22:28 –

10. How is God described in 22:29, 31, 32? List other passages using a similar illustration. (ex. Deut. 32:4; Psa. 27:1; etc.)

How are each of these descriptions important to us?

11. What did David say he could do according to 22:30,34,35,40? Who enabled him to do all these things? How is this true of us today as well?

12. In verses 44 – 46, God used David to put the fear of the LORD in the hearts of the nations. In fearing David and the armies of Israel, the nations came to fear the God they served and who acted on their behalf. According to Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; 15:33; Romans 3:18, how important is a proper fear of the LORD in life and for life?

13. Summarizing Question: Since this song of David appears twice in Scripture (2 Sam. 22 and Psalm 18), the Spirit of God has given it special significance. From reading this marvelous song/psalm, what spiritual qualities of the **heart** of David stand out? What should these qualities look like in our lives?