

The Book of Second Samuel: 2 Samuel 22 – 23

Sunday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 26

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Note: Consider the similarities between this chapter and **Psalm 18**.

(1 – 7) What terms did David use to describe God's power? Throughout David's life, what happened when he called upon the Lord (as he describes in this song) as compared to the times that he didn't seek the Lord's direction? (*Phillipians 4: 6 – 7*)

(8 – 20) How did David describe God's response to his calls for help? What do we learn from David's observations regarding God's willingness to answer our prayers? (*Proverbs 15: 29; 1 John 5: 14 – 15*)

(21 – 28) What did David say about his relationship with God, and God's willingness to show him mercy and goodness? What points from David's message can we apply toward our relationship with God within the new covenant? (*Psalm 5: 12; Matthew 5: 7; 1 Peter 3: 12*)

(29 – 37) How did David describe the assistance that God had given him throughout the challenges of his life? How does God provide us assistance as we face the challenges of life? (*Ephesians 6: 10 – 13*)

(38 – 46) What did David say regarding God's willingness to help him subdue his enemies, and what can we learn from David's observations? (*Romans 8: 31 – 35*)

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(47 – 51) How did David describe God in the conclusion of his song? What attributes of God did David highlight, and what do we learn about our relationship with God from David's closing comments? (*Psalms 62: 6 – 8*)

2 Samuel 23: Wednesday, June 26

(1 – 4) How did David describe himself, and what do we learn about his relationship with God? What did David's comments indicate about his character?

(5 – 7) What did David acknowledge regarding God's willingness to bless him despite David's shortcomings? What does this teach us about the power of God's grace? What observations did David make regarding those who rebel against God? (*2 Samuel 7: 12 – 16; Deuteronomy 7: 9 – 11*)

(8 – 12) Which of David's mighty men are listed in this passage, and how are their accomplishments in battle described?

(13 – 17) During a campaign against the Philistines, where were the invading Philistines located, and what request did David make to his men? What action did three of David's mighty men take to honor David's request, and how did David respond to their bravery? (*1 Samuel 22: 1 – 2*)

(18 – 23) How were Abishai's exploits in battle described? What did Benaiah accomplish in battle while serving David, and what reputation did he obtain as a result of his bravery?

(24 – 39) What is the significance of the fact that the majority of David's mighty men listed in this passage are not Israelites? Who was the last of David's mighty men to be listed?