

**Recap of 5/3/26 message by Steve Plank
("The Blessing of Living with God") 2 Samuel 22:1-51**

This chapter is a beautiful psalm by David that reminds us of the blessings of living according to God's Word. Life with, in, and for God is not restrictive. It is freedom; living under the protection of the Creator of all!

David starts where we must start, with a glorious declaration of faith; an intense personal faith. He 11:6 tells us that "without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." Do we regularly make intensely personal statements of faith in God?

David acknowledges life's difficulties, cries out to God for help, and then reminds himself of God's incredible, unlimited, ineffable power. Nothing is impossible with God.

The central theme of the psalm is God's grace. David can declare himself righteous and have God agree with him (1 Ki 14:8) because of God's grace. David is under no delusion that he is righteous in and of himself. He knows God has made him righteous by forgiving his sin. In Psalm 32 and Psalm 51 David describes the cleansing God accomplishes in response to confession. 1 Jn 1:9 clearly states, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We are righteous not because of anything we have done, but because of what God did in Christ. We live rightly not to be saved, but because we are saved.

David ends by giving God the credit. David acted; God provided the victory. Likewise, we should act in accordance with His Word and leave the results to Him. Be quick to give God credit for all good things in our lives. Regularly thank Him and praise His name, both publicly and privately.