



THE LORD, OUR ROCK, AND DELIVERER!

Psalm 18:1-3 CSB
Min. Brian Williams

INTRODUCTION

Psalm 18 declares,
“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

This verse shows powerful images describing God and what He does for us.
Let us explore these images by looking at the passage...

1) THE _____ OF SALVATION - Psalm 18:1 CSB

- David had a deep love and devotion for God!
- **Strength** (Hebrew: *chazak*) – physical or mental power, vigor, or force, a firm, immovable rock.
- Who’s your source of Salvation?

2) THE LORD IS OUR _____ - Psalm 18:2 CSB

Rock

- (Hebrew: *se(a)*) a cleft rock, for concealment.
- A large, solid, immovable mass of stone;
- Used metaphorically to refer to a firm foundation, security, or stability.

Fortress

- The image of a fortress portrays protection, security, and defense.

Deliverer

- The image of a deliverer portrays rescue, salvation, and liberation.
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Refuge

- A place of safety or protection. It is often used when seeking refuge from danger or harm.
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Shield

- Properly, a gate or door (or "door-shaped");
 - Use of the large, oblong ancient Roman shield (which looked like a full door),
 - Large enough to provide complete protection from attack (used only in Eph. 6:16).
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Horn of Salvation

- The horn, as the means of attack
 - Defense of some of the strongest animals is a frequent emblem of power or strength efficiently exercised.
 - The "horn" symbolizes strength and power!
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3) THE _____ OF SALVATION - Psalm 18:3 CSB

- † The Lord is worthy of praise.
 - † The Lord will respond to your prayers.
 - † The Lord will save you!
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CONCLUSION

Psalm 18:1-3

- † A powerful reminder of the Lord's role as the rock of salvation.
- † It reminds us to:
 - turn to the Lord as the source of salvation,
 - cry out to him for help,
 - trust in his response
 - rely on his name for our salvation
- † When we trust the Lord, he will be: Our Rock, Fortress, Deliverer in every aspect of our lives.

ECCLESIA WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE
Week of July 16, 2023



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Things every ECF Disciple should do to REMAIN IN COMMUNITY:

- ⇒ **COMMIT** to be a part of one *weekly* STUDY GROUP (<https://www.ecclesiachurch.com/bibleStudy.html>)
 - Click “I’m New” to access **Biblical Bases** for new believers
 - Click “**Sunday School**” to access **Sunday Sch Classes**
 - Click “**Study Groups**” to access **Youth, Young Adults** and **Sermon Notes** groups
 - Note: Email huggs@gmail.com if you wish to join a group
- ⇒ **CONNECT** with your Study Group on a weekly basis.
- ⇒ **INVITE** your family, neighbors, and friends to join a Study Group.

All 2022 & 2023 Base Class Graduates

Pastor Beckley wants to meet with **YOU!**
Wednesday, July 19 7:00pm in New Members HUGG

Faithful and Righteous HUGG! meets Wednesdays, **7:00pm**. Open to All!

Men's Book Study! Kingdom Disciples, 1st Sat, 8am, **Sep 3:** <https://www.ecclesiachurch.com/newsEvents.html>

TAKE IT TO PRAYER:

- ⇒ Pray for your family and friends and needs of group members throughout the week.
- ⇒ Pray for Pastor Beckley, our Ecclesia Leaders and these prayer needs:

Joseph Branch & Fam, Edification	Denise Jackson daughter, healing
Sharon Johnson & Fam, Office Mgr	Perri Kendrick, healing
Christian Coston & Fam, Elder	Jonathan, housing
Ebenezer Jesutimi & Fam, Elder	Ruby Hunt, healing
- ⇒ Pray for your Oikos: **All group members**, call out each name on your Oikos list.

TAKE IT TO WORSHIP: *Lord You Are Good*, Todd Galbert - <https://youtu.be/QsaFJzNXrvE>

PREPARATION (Steps to completing your study guide):

1. Please use the translation indicated on the sermon outline.
2. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you understanding.
3. Read, study, and meditate on Psalm 18 CSB.
4. Highlight, underline, note anything that “jumps out” at you.
5. Watch sermon: “**THE LORD, OUR ROCK, AND DELIVERER!**” by Min. Brian Williams, https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ecf+online
6. Answer each question giving as much detail as you can. Include other related verses.

Fill-In's: 1) SOURCE 2) ROCK 3) RESPONSE

TAKE IT TO THE GROUP: (Share your questions, discoveries, and answers in your group discussion)

1. As a group, listen and sing along: **Lord You Are Good, Todd Galbert** - <https://youtu.be/QsaFJzNXrvE>
2. **THE LORD, OUR ROCK, AND DELIVERER.** Read Psalm 18:1-3 CSB aloud. *It's TESTIMONY TIME!!!* Verse 1 says, "I love you, LORD!" Write a love letter to the LORD (3 lines only). Share with group.

3. **THE SOURCE OF SALVATION.** Define this "strength" that the LORD has.

4. How does the Lord display His "strength" in your life?

5. **THE LORD IS OUR ROCK.** Read Psalm 18:2 CSB aloud. Choose one of the following descriptions and write definition of each. **Rock – Fortress – Deliverer – Refuge – Shield – Horn of Salvation**

Your Choice _____ - _____

6. **THE RESPONSE OF SALVATION.** Describe what the LORD saved you from (in as much or as little detail as you prefer).

7. As if you are attempting to lead an unsaved person to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, use Psalm 18:1-3 to tell them about the LORD and give them an opportunity to respond.

BIBLE CHALLENGE REVIEW - Monday, July 24, 6:30pm PST

Review of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89775027654>

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