

Praise Out of Distress (Part 1)
Psalm 18

So Much of God's Praiseworthiness Came Out of the Distress in David's Life – Ps 18:48-49

- David's loving praise is real and solid:

...begins with personal, intimate love language – Ps 18:1,19

...saturated with thanksgiving – Ps 18:49

...ends on a high note of exaltation – Ps 18:46-50

- David's distresses are real – Ps 18:4-5, 17-18, 27-28

...faith and trust in God doesn't render us immune to life's distresses – Is 43:1,2;
1 Pet 2:19; II Tim 3:12

...we'll face conflict and hostility BECAUSE we act righteously – Ps 18:20-24

- These distresses are meant for us – Ps 18:3,6; Ja 1:2-4; Is 45:3

...lest we think this world is our home and the created is our life source – Ps 18:46

...distressful days are often "training days for reigning days" (V. Hugel) – Ps 18:30

...how we learn what is impossible for us is possible for God – Ps 18:17; Matt 19:26; 1 Jo 4:4

...provide an opportunity for witness to our God – Ps 18:49; 1 Pet 3:15

Through Life's Distresses David Learned to Depend Upon God for All He Needed – Ps 18:2-3

- Distress did not make David who he was, God did – Ps 18:35

...a God of glorious perfections – Ps 18:30

...a God of unassailable security – Ps 18:2

...a God of eternal deliverances – Ps 18:47-48,50

- I will exalt and praise Him in distress as the Life of my life – Ps 18:46