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Psalm 18:37-50

The Arch of Titus, built by the Emperor Domitian to commemorate his brother Titus's defeat of the Jews, displays figures of Roman soldiers carrying away the sacred menorah (lamp stand) from the temple. Facing that scene is another depicting Titus riding in a victory procession surrounded by allegorical figures drawn from Roman religion.

Psalm 18 is David's "arch of triumph." It begins with David crying out to God. Like an arch, one leg rises upward like David's prayer ascended to the Lord. The descending leg is God's response to David's prayer. For God's faithfulness, David proclaimed, "The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!" (v. 46).

Our prayers do not disappear like balloons in the sky. They return in grace and power upon the sure foundation of God's Word. Lord, let that be our arch of triumph.

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