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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 18:16-29

Psalm 18 is nearly word-for-word the song David wrote when he was running from King Saul (2 Samuel 22). I've always wondered why it was included twice in the Old Testament! Don't get me wrong, I love it.

Some scholars believe that as David neared the end of his life, he reflected on his past and all that God had done for him through the years, in spite of his own failings and shortcomings. It would make sense, then, to include this beautiful song; it speaks to God's power and might and glory.

Yet David did fail God. He didn't always keep God's way. David did turn from God. Knowing this, how could he sing this song? David could because he knew he was forgiven. When the prophet Nathan confronted David about his sin with Bathsheba, David didn't run from the knowledge. He accepted the blame and asked for God's forgiveness. When it was freely granted, David accepted it and moved on.

Have you battled with the memories of your sin and struggled to move forward? My friend, you are *forgiven* completely, overwhelmingly, eternally.

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