

## Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 18: 2-3; 21; 30-32

### **New International Version**

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

### ***The Message***

*God is bedrock under my feet, the castle in which I live, my rescuing knight. My God—the high crag where I run for dear life, hiding behind the boulders, safe in the granite hideout.*

When I consider the verses above, my thoughts turn to the large boulders that form many of the river beds in this area; yes, other features in the west are probably more magnanimous but my thoughts still lie with large granite rocks whether faceted or rounded by the forces of the water. Standing atop of these rocks is with the certainty that it remains steadfast, immoveable. God is a rock, a mountain that is certain...and I look to the mountain from where comes my help and strength. **What about you?**

For I have kept the ways of the Lord; I have not done evil by turning from God.

*God made my life complete when I placed all the pieces before him.*

The question that each must ask: **have I kept ways of the Lord** and have I remained faithful to him? He helps us to do so...if we look to the *mountain!*

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

*Is there any god like God? Are we not at bedrock? Is not this the God who armed me, then aimed me in the right direction?*

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While there is much that is imperfect in the world, the one re-assurance that we may have is that God is perfect - he is without any flaw! "Nothing in this world last forever" but what is certain is that God is eternal, forever; and while we may not be able to comprehend or conceive this truism, we can trust in faith that God will make it known to us in time and for his purpose.

**And now I pray that my shield, my rock and my God will be yours as well**

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