



Week 5: Running with Psalm 18: Verses 20-24

In our journey with the Lord through this Psalm we are learning from King David what it is to be trained and to run in the way that carries the message of love and fire in our lives. No one endures the rigors of training or battle, [emotionally, physically and spiritually] without having their minds set on the desired reward to be gained by it. King David, even at the end of his life sang these verses to the Lord as a testimony and celebration of His goodness and glory remembering not just the victories and rewards that He brought into his life but that God's presence in his life was his righteousness and exceeding Great Reward. (Gen 15:1)

Verses 20-22

***The Lord has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. For I have kept the ways of Jehovah, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
For all His judgments were before me, and I did not turn away from His statutes.***

John 15:7-16; Phil 2:13; 1 Cor 15:10; Heb 13:21-22

Verses 23 -24

For I was upright with Him and kept myself from my guilt, and Jehovah has returned to me [rewarded me] according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands before His eyes.

Psalm 37:3-5; Psalm 145:19; Rom 8:1; 2 Cor. 5:17

God testified about David, "I have found...a man after my own heart, he will do everything I want him to do." [Acts 13:22.] Wow! In this scripture we see definition to the well known phrase, "a man after my own heart." **Yieldedness!** This is the call for the new season we are stepping into - to come into a fuller experience of ONEness with Him. This deeper ONEness involves allowing ourselves to stand within the fiery furnace of His Holy Love, letting it cleanse, purify and transform us – setting His glory [Beauty and Splendor] upon and within us.

In Isaiah 55 Abba Father says to us, "Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come...buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me and eat what is good...Give ear and come to me listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See I have made him a witness to the peoples..." Yielding is not striving but a glorious giving of ourselves to God emboldened by His fire to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Rev. 14:4

Read Hebrews 12:1b-2 [if you have time read the whole chapter] We are called to follow Jesus, walk in His steps and fix our eyes upon Him. This verse tells us how Jesus did this as our example. Here are some questions for consideration and prayer.

- ❖ What are the hindrances that must be "thrown off" and sin patterns that need to be "loosed" in order to run your race and not be disqualified?
- ❖ What is the joy that is set before you? Take some time to inquire of the Lord what this 'joy' is for you.
- ❖ What cross are you being called to endure and how can you 'scorn its shame'? (Jesus 'saw' the end result of the process of death, and therefore did not let the shame of his circumstances deter him from the goal. After this process, resurrection life raised Jesus, and he entered the place of sitting down, in heavenly places with the Father – a place of resting in His finished work.)

Prayer:

Abba Father I come to you as your son/daughter and stand in the strong name of your Son Jesus Christ. I acknowledge it is because of your love and your pursuing grace *that I am in your Son, Christ Jesus - who has become for me wisdom ...and righteousness[making me acceptable to You] and sanctification [making me holy and setting me apart for Your purposes] and redemption [providing my ransom from the penalty for sin].* [1 Cor. 1:29-30 Amplified]

In this new season, I put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for my flesh. [Romans 13:14] For you O Lord are Holy. You exhort us to be a light – to shine before others [with Your glory filled with fire and love] that you Father would be glorified through me. [Matthew 5:14-16]

I delight greatly in You Lord, my soul rejoices in my God. For You have clothed me in garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness..." [Isaiah 61:10] Make me into a polished arrow displaying in me your splendor for Your glory. My ears are listening and my heart is stirred to Your words, *"I have need of you."* Hear my response Lord God. *"Here I am. I am my Lord's servant, prepare me to carry the beauty and splendor of your glory and let it be to me according to your Word."*

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"A Corporate David is arising...These God-hearted and God focused warriors, this family, army, and holy nation, stand shoulder to shoulder, "in the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3 In their unity of Christ-like humility with one voice they declare: *"Look! The mighty Lion of Judah's tribe, the root of David – he has conquered!"* (Rev 5:5)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHPYG7SJIX0> Bill Johnson - Becoming Glorious

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