

# Praying in the Dark Notes

## Psalm 18

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**Main Point:** When you're rocked by life, make sure the Lord is your Rock.

### Superscription

1. This Psalm is intended to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. David is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD.
3. This was written to the Lord in praise for His attributes and actions on David's \_\_\_\_\_.

### Psalm 18:1-6 Outline

1. God is worthy of my \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1).
  - I will \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD.
  - I will \_\_\_\_\_ on the LORD.
2. God is worthy of my \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2)
  - God is my \_\_\_\_\_.
    - The word "rock" refers to a lofty cleft where one can find stability in the midst of the messes of life (1 Samuel 23:28, Psalm 18:31, 46, Deuteronomy 32:31).
  - God is my \_\_\_\_\_.
    - God is also like a "\_\_\_\_\_" which pictures those places high up in the mountains where David hid when Saul was searching for him (Psalm 91:2).
  - God is my \_\_\_\_\_.
    - "Deliverer" literally means to escape or to be given "a legal judgment of \_\_\_\_\_."
  - God is my \_\_\_\_\_.
    - David uses the name "El for God which refers to Him as the \_\_\_\_\_ God.
    - He is over all things and in \_\_\_\_\_ of everything.
  - God is my \_\_\_\_\_.
    - God never \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God is my \_\_\_\_\_.
    - A shield was used to ward off the \_\_\_\_\_ from an enemy (Genesis 15:1).
  - God is my \_\_\_\_\_
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ point of a rock formation.
    - The horn of a ram used as a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - The horns of the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Cornucopia – symbolized \_\_\_\_\_.

- The horns of an animal – our salvation is our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus as our “horn of \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 1:69).
  - God is my \_\_\_\_\_.
  - When soldiers would run to the stronghold, they would find rest, refreshment, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 18:10).
3. God is worthy of my \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3).
- David continually \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD.
  - Because God had been faithful in the past, David knows that he can count on God for the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God is worthy in my \_\_\_\_\_ (4-6).
- Metaphors of misery
    - \_\_\_\_\_ – The word “cord” was used for a noose.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ – The image is of a sailor on the sea that has crashed on the rocks and the waves are engulfing him.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ – This is a picture of how circumstances can suck the life out of us.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ – A snare is a trap or a net that was used to catch unsuspecting animals.
  - “Distress” means “tightness and misery and refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ space or object, with a small distance across it.”
  - His cry is intense and means to “cry out for help.”
5. God is worthy when He displays His \_\_\_\_\_ in my life (7-15).
6. God is worthy when He \_\_\_\_\_ me (vs. 16-48).
7. God is worthy when He declares \_\_\_\_\_ to the nations (49-50).
- God’s plan has always been for all nations to praise Him (vs. 49, Romans 15:9).
  - The root of the word “anointed,” is “\_\_\_\_\_,” translated as “Christ” in the New Testament.
  - The word “forever” takes us back to the prophecy in 2 Samuel 7:12-13.
  - God’s ultimate answer to suffering isn’t an explanation; it’s the \_\_\_\_\_!  
The best answer to the problem of evil is Jesus Christ.