

The Essentials: Samuel

Session 10 – 2 Samuel 22: 1-36

Opening Collect

Together: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Watch Video

Read: 2 Samuel 22: 1-36

Discussion:

1. What are the primary descriptors that David uses to tell us about God? Name them.
2. Samuel begins and ends with songs about God. What would it look like for you to have a song, or statement, about who God has been in your life?
3. In the video, Margery notes how David's claims of righteousness (vv. 21-25) are confusing given his moral failures. However, one commentator said, "The greatest part of David's existence is not David, it is God."¹ How might David's attention to God, his repentance, and his prayerfulness impact your understanding of this claim?
4. At the end of our reading, David says "Your gentleness has made me great" (v. 36). Can you name a time when God's gentleness and mercy have made you great?
5. How might the previously mentioned verse describe the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Check in and Closing Prayer

¹ Eugene Peterson, *First and Second Samuel*, 248.

2 Samuel 22: 1-36

David spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. ² He said, "The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

³ my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.

⁴ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

⁵ For the waves of death encompassed me; the torrents of perdition assailed me;

⁶ the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

⁷ In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

⁸ Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations of the heavens trembled and reeled because he was angry.

⁹ Smoke went up from his nostrils and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.

¹⁰ He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet.

¹¹ He rode on a cherub and flew; he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

¹² He made darkness around him a canopy, thick clouds, a gathering of water.

¹³ Out of the brightness before him coals of fire flamed forth.

¹⁴ The LORD thundered from heaven; the Most High uttered his voice.

¹⁵ He sent out arrows and scattered them, lightning and routed them.

¹⁶ Then the channels of the sea were seen; the foundations of the world were laid bare at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

¹⁷ He reached from on high; he took me; he drew me out of mighty waters.

¹⁸ He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

¹⁹ They came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my stay.

²⁰ He brought me out into a broad place; he delivered me because he delighted in me.

²¹ The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.

²² For I have kept the ways of the LORD and have not wickedly departed from my God.

²³ For all his ordinances were before me, and from his statutes I did not turn aside.

²⁴ I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt.

²⁵ Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.

²⁶ With the loyal you show yourself loyal; with the blameless you show yourself blameless;

²⁷ with the pure you show yourself pure, and with the crooked you show yourself shrewd.

²⁸ You deliver a humble people, but your eyes are upon the haughty to bring them down.

²⁹ Indeed, you are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD lightens my darkness.

³⁰ By you I can outrun a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

³¹ This God—his way is perfect; the promise of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

³² For who is God but the LORD? And who is a rock except our God?

³³ The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path.

³⁴ He made my feet like the feet of deer and set me secure on the heights.

³⁵ He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

³⁶ You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your gentleness has made me great.