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2 Samuel 22:29-51

Praise to our Empowering God

INTRO

 In 2 Samuel 22:1-28 the focus was on God delivering David from his enemies. This section deals with David’s victories over his enemies by the enabling grace of God.

I. DAVID PRAISES GOD FOR HIS EMPOWERING GRACE.

 A. David’s God is the only true God (2 Samuel 22:32).

 B. David praises God for His empowering grace (2 Samuel 22:29-37).

 Let’s survey David’s God-given fighting abilities:

 2 Samuel 22:29 The Lord is my lamp

 2 Samuel 22:30 strength

 2 Samuel 22:31 God’s training manuel for blessed living.

 2 Samuel 22:33 God is my strong fortress

 2 Samuel 22:34 hind’s feet

 2 Samuel 22:35 hands are skilled

 2 Samuel 22:36 God is my shield, made me great

 2 Samuel 22:37 feet are enlarged

 C. David speaks of the opposition he has overcome (2 Samuel 22:38-46

 1) He is successful against his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Samuel 22:38-43).

 a) David’s victory(2 Samuel 22:38-39).

 b) David’s reason for victory (2 Samuel 22:40-41).

 2) He is successful against the contentions of his own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(2 Samuel 22:44).

 3) He is successful against the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Samuel 22:44-46).

 D. David’s climactic praise to God (2 Samuel 22:47-51).

II. GOD’S PEOPLE ARE STILL IN NEED OF EMPOWERING GRACE.

 A. We have powerful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 B. We have a more powerful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

 It was God’s empowering grace that fueled all of Paul’s ministry.

 Phil. 4:13

 Col. 1:29

 1 Cor. 15:10

 So what should be our attitude when facing life’s troubles? We need to drill into our minds this moto: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 How glorious then is the promise of God to His people, Is. 41:10 'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

 C. Let us give praise to God for His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

CONCLUSION