

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

September 1, 2024

Welcome!



"In God (I will praise His word), In the Lord (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

Join us at 5:00pm for Bible Bowl practice over 2 Samuel 21 & 22!

And at...

6:00pm for another lesson in our series "Why Should I Believe?"

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Prayer List

Remember the family of **Tristin Franklin**, the 16 year old who died Tuesday

Pat Agee was discharged from the hospital in MA on Thursday and flew home on Friday.

James Gupton was involved in a tractor accident on Hwy 12. Was life-flighted to the hospital and will need multiple surgeries.

Hunter Crouch is in need of another kidney transplant

John Hayes is home from the hospital

Robert Williams is recovering from a light stroke

Darinda Paul's latest MRI shows no growth in the tumor; She will continue with chemo

Brian West had surgery recently

Linda Demonbreun is struggling with back pain

Continue to pray for: the **Billy Moore** family, **Mamie Hamilton**, **Ronnie Mayo**, **Rebecca Brown**, **Donnie Garrett**, **Keith Walker** and family, **Forshia Pennington**, **Carol Saling**, **Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine**, and **Bill Gillock**

We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we continue our study from Galatians

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Mike Reed

Prayer:
David Billingsley

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Jearmie Gupton
II Samuel 22:1-4

Wait On Table:
Jeff Baker

Serve:
Johnny Walker
Josh Demonbreun

Prayer:
Dwight Pennington

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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What We Missed (II Samuel 21:15-22) - The end of **chapter 21** contains a listing of four Philistine giants (Ishbi-Benob, Saph, [Lahmi] *the brother of Goliath*, and an unnamed giant with “six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot”) who were killed by four men of David (Abishai, Sibbechai, Elhanan, and Jonathan). The confusion over **verse 19**, where the ancient manuscripts indicate that Elhanan killed Goliath (compared to David in **1 Sam 17**), is likely from a scribal error. The NKJV inserts the words “brother of” in italics, because **I Chronicles 20:5** identifies this giant as Lahmi, brother of Goliath.

Themes of II Samuel 22 - This is almost identical to **Psalms 18**. This psalm tells us that “David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.” While it is hard to know exactly when this occurred, it must have been after God’s covenant with him in **II Samuel 7** as **verse 51** refers to God showing mercy on “David and his descendants forevermore”. Within the content of this Psalm, we find the following themes:

S _____ (5-6) - David faced seemingly insurmountable dangers from his enemies during his lifetime. He describes these dangers with phrases such as “waves of death” and “floods of ungodliness”. While we may never face the physical battles that David did, it is inevitable that we will face trials in this life that seem insurmountable (**Rom 5:2-4; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:3-6; 4:12**).

S _____ (2-3, 29-35) - In this Psalm, David makes it clear that his power comes from the LORD. In these verses, he describes the LORD as “My Rock” (**2, 32**), “My Fortress” (**2**), “My Strength” (**3, 33**), “My Shield” (**3, 31**), “My Stronghold” (**3**), “My Refuge” (**3**), “My Lamp” (**29**), and “My Power” (**33**). God’s people are equipped to face those seemingly insurmountable trials mentioned above when they put their faith in Him and remember that He is bigger than whatever they are facing. In **Isaiah 40:27-31**, the people of Judah are complaining about their struggle as Babylonian captives (**27**). Isaiah reminds them about the incredible power of God (**28**) and that God will give “power to the weak” (**29**). He also reminds them that those who rely on themselves will “faint” and “utterly fall” even if they are “young men” (**30**). To this he famously adds in **verse 31**, “But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.” In a similar way, Paul explains that he is able to be content in any situation “through Christ who strengthens me” (**Phil 4:13**).

S _____ (21-28) - David explains that he remains connected to God and His unlimited power by keeping “the ways of the LORD” (**22**), being committed to “His statutes” (**23**), and being found “blameless before Him” (**24**). If we are to be found faithful, and face our trials with the power of God, we must be “humble” (**28**) before Him and follow Him with our actions. This is not simply lip-service, but a dedication to living out our commitment (**Matt 7:21-23**).

S _____ (2-3, 7-20, 36-49, 51) - Throughout this Psalm, David acknowledges that God has delivered him from his enemies with His unlimited power. The imagery used in these verses dramatically demonstrates that God’s power is unequalled and there is no one who can stand before Him. Whatever we face in this life, we must remember that God has already delivered our victory on the cross. Victory is through no other, and no one can separate us from Him (**Rom 8:31-39**). Because of His victory over sin, those who remain steadfast are promised a future of glory with Him (**Rom 8:18; James 1:12; 2 Tim 4:6-8; 1 Peter 1:3-5**).

S _____ (4, 50) - Our final theme is David offering praise to God for his power and deliverance over his enemies, even expressing that he will “sing praises to Your name”. This is a great reminder that our God is worthy of praise for the things He has done in delivering us from sin (**1 Chron 16:25; Rev 5:13**).