

The Melody of our Lives; Psalm 18:49

I. A Psalm of David

- A. Psalm 18:title–3 (ESV); To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who addressed the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said: ¹ I love you, O Lord, my strength. ² The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ³ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.
- B. David starts the psalm out singing to God — It is written as a song (for the choirmaster)
- C. This Psalm is meant to be sung!
 - 1. David had been on the run from Saul for quite some time
 - 2. There are approximately 15 years from the time he is anointed King to the time Judah crowns him king in Hebron
 - 3. That is an awful long time to be looking over your shoulder
 - 4. No wonder David is singing praises to his Deliverer!

II. Our Deliverer

- A. Israel was delivered from Egypt
 - 1. It was not Moses
 - 2. It was not the Angels
 - 3. Jude 5 (ESV); Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.
- B. We have a deliverer as well — the same one
 - 1. Colossians 1:13–14 (ESV); ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
 - 2. We are no longer residents in a dark and lightless world
 - 3. We are residents of the Kingdom — Kingdom citizens — our citizenship is in Heaven!
 - 4. 2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (ESV); ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- C. We, who were deserving of, and destined for, the second death have been given life!

III. Sing Praises!

- A. Just as David could not help but sing praises to God for delivering him, we should be constantly singing praises to God for our deliverance
- B. Paul starts out asking the Colossians to have compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience...
- C. Colossians 3:15–17 (ESV); ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- D. The Words of Christ should drive the melody of our lives
 - 1. Could you imagine what our worship should be like?
 - 2. All too often we look like we are “baptized in vinegar”
 - 3. How do we react when our football team scores a touchdown? — every week
 - 4. How do we react when we hit that perfect drive/pitch/putt? — every week
 - 5. Why don’t we let the wonder, the excitement, the happiness through in our worship?
 - 6. No wonder Paul tells Timothy to lift holy hand in prayer (1 Timothy 2:8)
 - 7. God gave us these emotions to use (not abuse)

8. Tears should be streaming down our cheeks when we think about the salvation granted to us at the cost of Jesus' earthly life (we should feel something)

IV. What's Your Melody?

A. Are you singing praises to His Name?

B. Are the Words of Christ the melody of your life?