
SERMON OUTLINE

God enables what He asks by protecting us

2 Samuel 22:1-30

- I. Praying for protection: David prayed desperately to be preserved to rule Israel (2 Samuel 22:1-7).
 - A. God is the Rock who delivered David from Saul and other enemies when David prayed (2 Samuel 22:1-4).
 - B. David recalled how distressed and desperate he was when he called out to God for help (2 Samuel 22:5-7).

- II. Watching God work: God answered David's prayer for protection (2 Samuel 22:8-17).
 - A. God showed up powerfully and personally when David called out to him (22:8-16).
 - B. God saved David from certain death (22:17-19).

- III. Understanding God's reasoning: God preserved David because he was godly (2 Samuel 22:20-28).
 - A. God protected David because God delighted in him (22:20).
 - B. God protected David because he strived to live godly (22:21-30).
 - David was righteous, despite a season of failure (22:21-25; 1 Kings 15:5; Psalm 51).
 - David understood that God is just – rewarding the faithful and humbling the proud (22:26-28).
 - David understood that God alone could protect and empower him to rule victoriously (22:29-30).