

Living Lent | March 31

Love For Our Lord

*I love you, O Lord my strength,
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.
My God, my rock in whom I put my trust,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;
you are worthy of praise.
I will call upon the Lord,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.
The breakers of death rolled over me,
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.
The cords of hell entangled me,
and the snares of death were set for me.
I called upon the Lord in my distress
and cried out to my God for help.
He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling;
my cry of anguish came to his ears.*

Psalm 18 (NRSV)

Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

What does the Lord require of you but to love Him? And how is it that we, being wearied with the trappings of this world, find the strength to love Him with all of our heart and soul? (Deuteronomy 10:12) This may possibly be one of the greatest questions in our lives and if we are honest with ourselves we find this to be an impossible venture.

David is very familiar with the weariness of the trappings of this life, yet pens this beautiful song with bold imagery and lofty expressions where he quickly reveals not

only the one upon whom his love has fallen, but the very source and means of David's strength to complete the law of God. David's testimony is not that of David's strength to fulfill the law of God, but rather to point to the steadfast hand of God that has kept David from tripping over the deceptive pursuits of this world. The love that flows from his soul is not only the evidence of God's work of salvation, but the joy and benefit of being in the saving arms of our Lord and Savior.

As we look to this season of our lives may we see that our love for God is not the evidence of our goodness, but rather the benefit of God's purpose in saving us for His glory. May our prayer be that as David's words stir our faith and affection towards God, that others may not only borrow light from our candle, but heat from the fire.

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