



GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Text: Psalm 18

Introduction: There is a spiritual song that many of us love to sing, entitled, “I Will Call Upon the Lord.” It is based upon **Psalm 18** (especially vs.1-3, 46). The song goes like this: “*I will call upon the Lord. Who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock. Let the God of my salvation be exalted!*” In our time together this morning I would like for us to consider the words to this song, to the psalm of David, and what it means to praise the Lord. Let’s study together....

Discussion:

- I. **THE ACTION**
“I will call upon the Lord”
- II. **THE PURPOSE**
“Who is worthy to be praised”
- III. **THE RESULT**
“So shall I be saved from my enemies”
- IV. **THE REASON**
“The Lord Liveth!”
- V. **THE ROCK**
“Blessed be the Rock”
- VI. **THE REDEMPTION**
“Let the God of my salvation be exalted”

Conclusion: This psalm of David is a royal messianic psalm similar to that of **Psalm 2**. It was primarily written because he wanted to celebrate his own deliverance (**II Samuel 8, 22**). However, it has been preserved so that we will see that when God, through His grace, chooses to protect us and save us, we need to praise Him. There may never be a greater example of this then when He sent Jesus into the world to die for the sins of mankind. Have you praised Him for your salvation? Are you saved? Why don’t you call upon the name of the Lord?

WORD OF THE DAY = “LORD”