

## Meditation 9, Psalms 17 & 18

### **“The Lord Vindicates Those Who Honor Him.”**

*"My vindication will come from You; Your eyes will behold what is right... I determined that my mouth should not transgress... my feet have held to Your paths; my legs have not given way. I call on You... Then I, justified, will behold your face; awake, I am filled with the vision of You." Psalms 17:2, 3b, 5, 6a, 15*

*"With the loyal, You deal loyally; with the blameless, blamelessly, With the pure, You act purely, and with the perverse you are wily. It is you who deliver lowly folk, but haughty eyes You humble. It is You who light my lamp; the LORD, my God, lights up my darkness... The LORD lives! Blessed is my rock! Exalted be God, my deliverer, the God who has vindicated me... For this I sing your praise among the nations, Lord and hymn Your name." Psalms 18:26-29, 47, 50*

The writers of the Psalms experienced and wrote much of sufferings and tribulations. David also, though a man of heroic faith and great accomplishments was also a man who experienced great trials. Sometimes his difficulties were the result of personal sin or misjudgment; other times his difficulties were undeserved and not of his own making.

What made David extraordinary was his resolve to trust God at all times, wait upon his salvation and when he sinned, confess his sin and submit himself patiently to God's chastisement. Even in times when he was persecuted unjustly and enemies opposed him to his face, David shunned responding in kind. Perhaps it was these qualities that earned for him the accolade "a man after the Lord's heart."

***Prayer: “Lord, cause me to know what is true, to value right over expedience and when stressed, strengthen me to do what is right. Then when trials are over, let me not forget to praise you. Amen.”***

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