II SAMUEL 22; May 7; David's Song of Deliverance

ANALYSIS:

1. Which Psalm is the same as this chapter, except for some slight variations: Psalm 1, 18, 78, or 119? (Circle the correct chapter number)

2. What change makes this chapter to have one more verse than the Psalm?
3. Where did David's cries to the LORD go?
4. On what basis did the LORD reward David?
5. Who in verse 42 looked to the LORD but He answered them not?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

David's several years of living in the wilderness as a fugitive colors the language of this song. God became his "rock" (v 2) when he hid from Saul in a "rock" in the wilderness of Maon (1 Sam 23:25). David saw the LORD as his "fortress" (v 2) or "stronghold" (1 Sam 23:19, 29). He saw Him as his "refuge and savior" (v 3) as He many times "delivered" him (1 Sam 23:14). Notice how David incorporates the "floods" (v 5) referring to the mountain torrents, the "earth shook" (v 8) pointing to an earthquake, the "wind" (v 11), the "thick clouds" (v 12), "thunders" (v 14), "lightning" (v 15) referring to the awe inspiring elements of some fierce storm. All this was used to enhance the tremendous picture he paints of God's omnipotence and glory as He cares for one of His own!

Do you make it a habit to view God's creation and His day-by-day displays (such as sunrises, sunsets, storms) as proofs of His infinite power and resources committed to your care and protection? "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" Psalm 34:7.

HELP:

- 1. Psalm 18.
- 2. Verse one of this chapter is the inspired Introduction to David's song of praise, however it is the Superscription to Psalm 18.

Verse one of Psalm 18 is not in II Samuel 22. Verses 2 & 3 in ll Samuel are combined into verse 2 in Psalm 18, which makes

the Psalm to be one verse shorter than this chapter.

- 3. David's cries came into the LORD'S ears in His temple (v 7).
- 4. According to my righteousness and according to the cleanness of my hands (vs 21, 25).
- 5. David's enemies who hated him according to verse 41.