Bible Alive 365 – Day #140

2 Samuel 22-23, Psalm 57

2 Samuel 22:1-51 And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: **2** And he said, The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; **3** The God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. **4** I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. **5** When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid; **6** The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me; **7** In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears. **8** Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth. **9** There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. **10** He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet. **11** And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind. **12** And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies. **13** Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled. **14** The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice. **15** And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them. **16** And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils. **17** He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters; **18** He delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me. **19** They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. **20** He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me. **21** The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. **22** For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. **23** For all his judgments *were* before me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them. **24** I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity. **25** Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eye sight. **26** With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, *and* with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright. **27** With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury. **28** And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayest bring *them* down. **29** For thou *art* my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness. **30** For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall. **31** *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him. **32** For who *is* God, save the LORD? and who *is* a rock, save our God? **33** God *is* my strength *and* power: and he maketh my way perfect. **34** He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet:* and setteth me upon my high places. **35** He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. **36** Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great. **37** Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip. **38** I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them. **39** And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet. **40** For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me. **41** Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me. **42** They looked, but *there was* none to save; *even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not. **43** Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, *and* did spread them abroad. **44** Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me *to be* head of the heathen: a people *which* I knew

not shall serve me. **45** Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me. **46** Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places. **47** The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation. **48** It *is* God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me, **49** And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. **50** Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name. **51** *He is* the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

2 Samuel 23:1-39 Now these *be* the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, **2** The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word *was* in my tongue. **3** The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God. **4** And *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain. **5** Although my house *be* not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things,* and sure: for *this is* all my salvation, and all *my* desire, although he make *it* not to grow. **6** But *the sons* of Belial *shall be* all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: **7** But the man *that* shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the *same* place. **8** These *be* the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same *was* Adino the Eznite: *he lift up his spear* against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time. **9** And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines *that* were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: **10** He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil. **11** And after him *was* Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. **12** But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory. **13** And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. **14** And David *was* then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then *in* Bethlehem. **15** And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which *is* by the gate! **16** And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it,* and brought *it* to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. **17** And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: *is not this* the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men. **18** And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, *and* slew *them,* and had the name among three. **19** Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the *first* three. **20** And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow: **21** And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. **22** These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men. **23** He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three. And David set him over his guard. **24** Asahel the brother of Joab *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, **25** Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite, **26** Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, **27** Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, **28** Zalmon the Ahohite,

Maharai the Netophathite, **29** Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, **30** Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, **31** Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, **32** Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, **33** Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite, **34** Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, **35** Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, **36** Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, **37** Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armourbearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah, **38** Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite, **39** Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

Psalms 57:1-11 To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast. **2** I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me. **3** He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth. **4** My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even among* them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword. **5** Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth. **6** They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves.* Selah. **7** My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. **8** Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early. **9** I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. **10** For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. **11** Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.