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Sermon Notes
2 Samuel 22:1-51

David shows us, finally, why he is a man after God's heart. Because:

1. God is his only security
2. God is his only righteousness
3. God is his only strength
4. God is his only hope

Psalms 20:7 ESV

7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalms 118:8 ESV

8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

God desires to show us convincingly that his saving purposes for us are unshakable. God wants me to enjoy the security of his good plans for me.

1 John 5:13 ESV

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

Matthew 5:20 ESV

20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Philippians 3:9 ESV

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

1 Corinthians 1:30 ESV

30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Lord Jesus,

You are my righteousness,

I am your sin.

You took on you what was mine;

yet set on me what was yours.

You became what you were not,

that I might become what I was not.

– Martin Luther

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 ESV

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon

me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Isaiah 35:4 NLT

4 Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you."

Philippians 4:13 ESV

13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Isaiah 40:31 ESV

31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

John Piper's 5 steps to living in the strength of the Spirit:

A. Admit

P. Pray

T. Trust

A. Act

T. Think

Ephesians 3:16 ESV

16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

World's definition of hope = "wishful thinking"

Bible's definition of hope = "confident expectation"

Hebrews 11:1 ESV

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Colossians 1:4-5 ESV

4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,

Practical effect of Biblical hope:

-If I am put down, I look to the emotional reservoir of hope for strength to return good for evil

-If I experience setback in my plans, things to go as I expected, I look to the emotional reservoir of hope for the strength to keep going and not give up

-If I face temptation to be dishonest, steal, lie or lust, for example, I look to the emotional reservoir of hope for the strength to hold fast to righteousness and deny myself some brief, unsatisfying pleasure

Psalms 42:5 ESV

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation