

## God's Response to Our Prayers

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**Psalm 18:1-19** ESV To the choirmaster.

1 *A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who addressed the words of this song to the LORD on the day when the LORD rescued him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.*

**He said: I love you, O LORD, my strength.**

**2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

*Psalm 91:1-4* ESV

1 *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*

2 *I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

3 *For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.*

4 *He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.*

*Psalm 91:9-10* ESV

9 *Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place-- the Most High, who is my refuge--*

10 *no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.*

*Psalm 91:14-15* ESV

14 *"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.*

15 *When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.*

*How does the Lord become my fortress, refuge and shield (from Psalm 91)?*

1. *I trust in Him (vs. 2).*
2. *I hold fast to Him in love, making Him my dwelling place (vs. 9, 14).*
3. *I call to Him (vs. 15)*

*John 15:4*

4 *"Abide in Me, and I in you."*

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**3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.**

**4 The cords of death encompassed (surround) me; the torrents (flood) of destruction assailed (sudden terror) me;**

**5 the cords of Sheol (underworld, hell) entangled (enclose) me; the snares of death confronted (meet) me.**

**6 In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.**

**7 Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.**

**8 Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.**

**9 He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet.**

**10 He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.**

11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water.  
12 Out of the brightness before him hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.  
13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire.  
14 And he sent out his arrows and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.  
15 Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.  
16 He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters.  
17 He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.  
18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support.  
19 He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

- *Do you imagine God responding to your prayers in this way?*
- *Are you confident that God responds to your prayers because He loves you and delights in you?*

**Hebrews 2:18 NASB**

18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid (*boetheo - to run to the cry of those in danger*) of those who are tempted.

**Hebrews 7:25 ESV**

25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.