

HIS WORK AND WAY

DEUTERONOMY 32:4; PSALMS 18

Text: Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalms 18:30

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Introduction:

The Father's way is a way that makes no mistakes.

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In Psalms 18:32 the Bible says:

Psalm 18:32

³² It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

God speaks of my way and of His way.

This is where the real battle rages.

When His way becomes my way, not only is His way perfect, but as I accept His way to be my way, then my way also becomes perfect.

It's easy to say "His way is perfect," when everything is going the way that we think it should.

But what about when nothing is going the way we planned.

Illustration:

In 1932, A.M. Overton, was a pastor of a church in Mississippi with a wife and three small children. His wife was pregnant with their fourth child but when it came time for delivery, there were complications and both she and the baby died.

During the funeral service, the preacher officiating the service noticed my Mr. Overton writing something on a piece of paper. After the service the minister asked him about it, and he handed him the paper with a poem he had just written which he titled, "He Maketh No Mistake".

My Father's way may twist and turn,
My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad to know,
He makes no mistakes,

My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead,
For He doth know the way,

Though the night be dark and it may seem,
That day will never break,
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,
He makes no mistake,

There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight's far too dim,
But come what may, I'll simply trust,
And leave it all to Him,

For by and by the mist will lift,
And plain it all He'll make,
Through all the way, though dark to me,
He made not one mistake.

– A.M. Overton, 1932

His way is still perfect.

Everything God does is perfect.

The Lord is working in our lives to transform us so that we come to believe and trust in Him so much that we declare, “I want my way to be Thy way Lord.”

Until our way becomes God’s way, there is no real peace and n real purpose in life.

Note:

1. THE PLAN OF THE PSALMIST (VS. 1)

Psalms 18:1

¹ I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

At the very beginning, the Psalmist makes 2 great and profound declarations.

He declares his love for the Lord and he declares his absolute dependence upon the Lord.

David's plan is to live for the Lord, to love the Lord and to depend upon the Lord for everything he needs and does is in life.

I think that we all need to have that same determination today – Love the Lord; and Depend Upon the Lord.

Note not only “The Plan of the Psalmist” but also:

2. THE PRAISE OF THE PSALMIST (VS. 2)

Psalms 18:2

² *The LORD is **my** rock, and **my** fortress, and **my** deliverer; **my** God, **my** strength, in whom **I** will trust; **my** buckler, and the horn of **my** salvation, and **my** high tower.*

A. There is Praise for a Personal God.

Note the number of times David refers to God as my, and I.

Nine times is in this verse alone.

The most important thing in life is knowing that you are right with God.

Be sure, above everything else that you are saved by grace. It isn't enough to be good or religious, to go to church or to stop doing some things that are wrong, to join the church or to be baptized.

In order to be saved we must turn to Christ by absolute faith for forgiveness and salvation. There is no other way of salvation.

Acts 4:12

¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 16:31

³¹ And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:13

¹³ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

B. There is Praise for a Powerful God

In God and in his relationship with Him, David finds all the strength that he needs to make it through life.

Notice:

1. God is our Stability – Rock
2. God is our Safety – Fortress
3. God is our Saviour – Deliverer
4. God is our Strength
5. God is our Shield – Buckler
6. God is our Security – Horn of Salvation
7. God is our Supply – High Tower

This refers to the great towers that were built around the ancient cities.

From these towers, soldiers could look down on their attackers and send volleys of arrows down on their heads. These towers were usually stocked with ammunition and supplies.

When the soldiers ran to the high tower, they were above the battle; they were in a place of rest, refreshment and ready supply.

God is the same for the child of God.

When the battle rages about us, we can run to Him and be lifted above our battles and find the rest and refreshment we need to be able to fight the battles and win! Surely we can rejoice in the knowledge that the Lord is ever there for us to run to in the day of battle.

Note not only “The Plan of the Psalmist” and “The Praise of the Psalmist” but also:

3. THE PERCEPTION OF THE PSALMIST (VS. 30-31)

Psalms 18:30-31

³⁰ As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. ³¹ For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?

“As for God, his way is perfect.”

Far past all fault and error are God's dealings with His people.

Every way of God is complete in itself, and all his ways put together are matchless in harmony and goodness.

All His ways are perfect.

Do we always understand His ways? With our limited abilities and understanding the answer is no.

The Bible states in Isaiah:

Isaiah 55:8-11

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: ¹¹So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

“The word of the Lord is tried,” like silver refined in the furnace

The doctrines are glorious, the precepts are pure, the promises are faithful, and it’s full of grace and truth.

David had tried it, thousands have tried it, we have tried it, and it has never failed.

“He is a buckler to all those that trust in him.”

No armor of proof or shield of brass secures the warrior as does God.

He protects His people. He Himself is the buckler.

What comfort and peace this brings to my heart.

“Who is God save the Lord?”

Who else creates, sustains, foresees, and overrules?

Who but He is perfect in every attribute, and glorious in every act?

“Who is a rock save our God?”

Where can lasting hope be found?

Where can the soul find rest?

Where is stability to be found?

Where is strength to be discovered?

Surely in the Lord alone can we find rest and refuge!

Note not only “The Plan of the Psalmist,” “The Praise of the Psalmist,” “The Perception of the Psalmist” but lastly:

4. THE PLEDGE OF THE PSALMIST (VS.3)

Psalms 18:3

³ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

David makes a pledge to call on God and to trust Him and Him alone.

He pledges to walk by faith and not by sight!

No doubt David had gone through dark and difficult days, but God had had taken care of him.

Close:

Do you know Him as your Saviour; If not why not turn to Him by faith for forgiveness and salvation?

For those who have trusted Him for salvation, we must learn that God is all these things that David said He was.

He will protect you, He will provide for you, He will help you, He will refresh you, He will ever be there for you.

His "WAY" is perfect.