# PSAIM 144

## THE BLESSINGS OF BEING GOD'S PEOPLE

### **Psalm 144:15** "How blessed are the people who are so situated; How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!"



## Psalm 144:1-4

- A Psalm of David
  - A. Four Depictions of God vs 1-2
    - **#1 <u>my</u>** rock who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle;
    - **#2 My** lovingkindness and my fortress,
    - **#3 My** stronghold and my deliverer,
    - #4 My shield and He in whom I take refuge,

"Blessed be the LORD" YHWH

m I take refuge, who subdues my people under me.



#### A Psalm of David

## **A. Four Depictions of God**

## #1 - my rock Mao trains

my hands for war, And my fingers for battle;

\*Psalm 18:1-3 hiding place?

fortress?

Matt 16:16-18 apsimon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

**Psalm 144:1-4** 

vs 1-2

#### Deut 32:4 -

"The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous & upright is He."



## Psalm 144:1-4

#### A Psalm of David

## **A. Four Depictions of God** vs 1-2

## **#1 - my** rock who trains

my hands for war,

And my fingers for battle;

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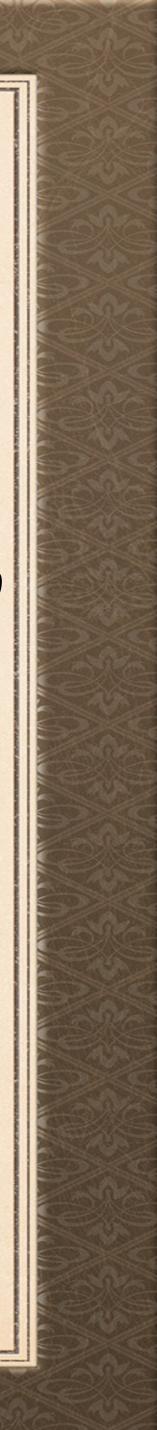
- What did God train him to do? .....> What has God trained me to do?

• To use your Spiritual Giftedness

- To Study His Word
- To Spread His Gospel
- To Live Righteously
- To Resist Temptation

\*1 Peter 4:10 \*2 Tim 2:15 \*Matt 28:18-20 \**Micah* 6:8 \*1 Cor 10:13

- Who wrote this?
  Does this apply to me?
- How good was he at it?
  How good should I be at it? Shouldn't I praise Him for this?



## **Psalm 144:1-4**

A Psalm of David

**A. Four Depictions of God** 

**#2 - My** lovingkindness and my fortress,

**#3 - My stronghold and my deliverer**, foring, faithfulness

under me.

- vs 1-2
- **#1 my** rock who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle;
- **#4 My** shield and He in whom I take refuge, who subdues my people



"O LORD"

#### **B. Two Descriptions of Man** vs 3-4

<sup>3</sup> What is man, that You take knowledge of him?

Or the son of man, that You think of him?

#1 - Man is like a mere breath.

**#2 -** His days are like a passing shadow.

#### **Psalm 144:1-4**

- \*From verse 1 & 2, does man seem insignificant to God?



## **Questions for Reflection**

- Is this your view of self?
- If not....don't you want it?

#### Psalm 144:1-4

## Is this your relationship with the Lord?



HOW ABES BELOIL TENER God's care?

- **#1 -** 5 **Bow** Your heavens, O Lord, and come down;
- **#2 -** <u>**Touch**</u> the mountains, that they may smoke.
- **#3 -** 6 *Flash forth* lightning and scatter them;
- **#4 <u>Send out</u>** Your arrows and confuse them.
- **#5 -** 7 Stretch forth Your hand from on high;
- **#6- Rescue me** and **deliver me** out of great waters,

### Psalm 144:5-8

....Out of the hand of aliens Whose mouths speak deceit, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.



## **Questions for Reflection**

- Who (or what) do you tend to run to in times of need?
- Why is the Lord a much better option?

#### **Psalm 144:5-8**



## III. Exalting God for His Special Care for His People

#### Psalm 144:9-11

## A. Properly Responding to God's Care vs 9-10

I will sing a new song to You, O God; Upon a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You, 10 Who gives salvation to kings, Who rescues David His servant from the evil sword.

## **B. Perpetually Relying on God's Care** vs 11

11 Rescue me and deliver me out of the hand of aliens, Whose mouth speaks deceit And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

Where have I seen this before?



## **IV. Expecting God's Special Care for His People** Psalm 144:12-15

## **A. Three "Presumptuous" Requests of God**

**#1 -** 12 Let our sons in their youth be as grown-up plants,

**# 3 -** 14 Let our cattle bear Without mishap

\*Presumptuous? vs 3-4 vs 12-14 Deut 8:1-10 And <u>our</u> daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace; # 2 - 13 Let our garners be full, furnishing every kind of produce, And <u>our</u> flocks bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; and without loss, Let there be no outcry in our streets!



#### **B. Two Perfect Realities of God's People** vs 15

**#1 -** 15 How blessed are the people who are so situated;

**#2** - How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord

### **Final Questions for Reflection**

- Are you one of God's people?

### Psalm 144:12-15

Do you expect & rely on His Faithfulness?

 Do you live in light of the wonderful blessings He has provided for us as His people?

