

## 2 Samuel 22:1-7 (NIV)

1 David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. 2 He said: “The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; 3 my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior— from violent men you save me. 4 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. 5 “The waves of death swirled about me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. 6 The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. 7 In my distress I called to the LORD; I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears.

*“People don’t talk that way anymore.”* Those words were spoken by Benjamin Franklin Gates as he read from the Declaration of Independence in the movie, American Treasure. Those words ran through my mind as I was reading David’s song. You don’t hear people talk about God with such passion and emotion. And maybe it’s because we haven’t experienced life the way that David did. David had a difficult life. David’s life was threatened by Saul, the king he was anointed to replace, by the countless enemies he faced in battle, and even by his own son. David was also threatened by his own sinful actions. His murderous and adulterous ways led him down a path of sin and impenitence few can imagine.

Maybe then we can understand why David can talk this way. He had experienced the lowest of lows. He had fully realized how helpless he was. The waves of death swirled about him; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed him. He had looked death in the face over and over again. And time and time again, God had delivered him. Not because David deserved it, but because of God’s grace.

That’s why David describes God in this way. He is the rock, the foundation of his life. God is his fortress, his protection against his many enemies. God is his deliverer, not only from man, but from his sins; the horn of his Salvation, his Savior.

Many of us have never had to look death in the face. We haven’t been persecuted by our enemies. We haven’t been threatened in our homes or at our jobs. Our lives have been richly blessed. But all of us have the same sinful nature that David had. All of us have the same sinful tendencies. All of us have committed the same damning sins. That’s why we all need the same gracious God. Our lives have all been threatened just as severely. We could all talk this way! Our salvation is just as miraculous and just as impressive and just as needed.

Dear Christian, realize how great your God is. Realize how horrible you were before God saved you. Dig into God’s Word and hold dear to its truths and you will talk this way!