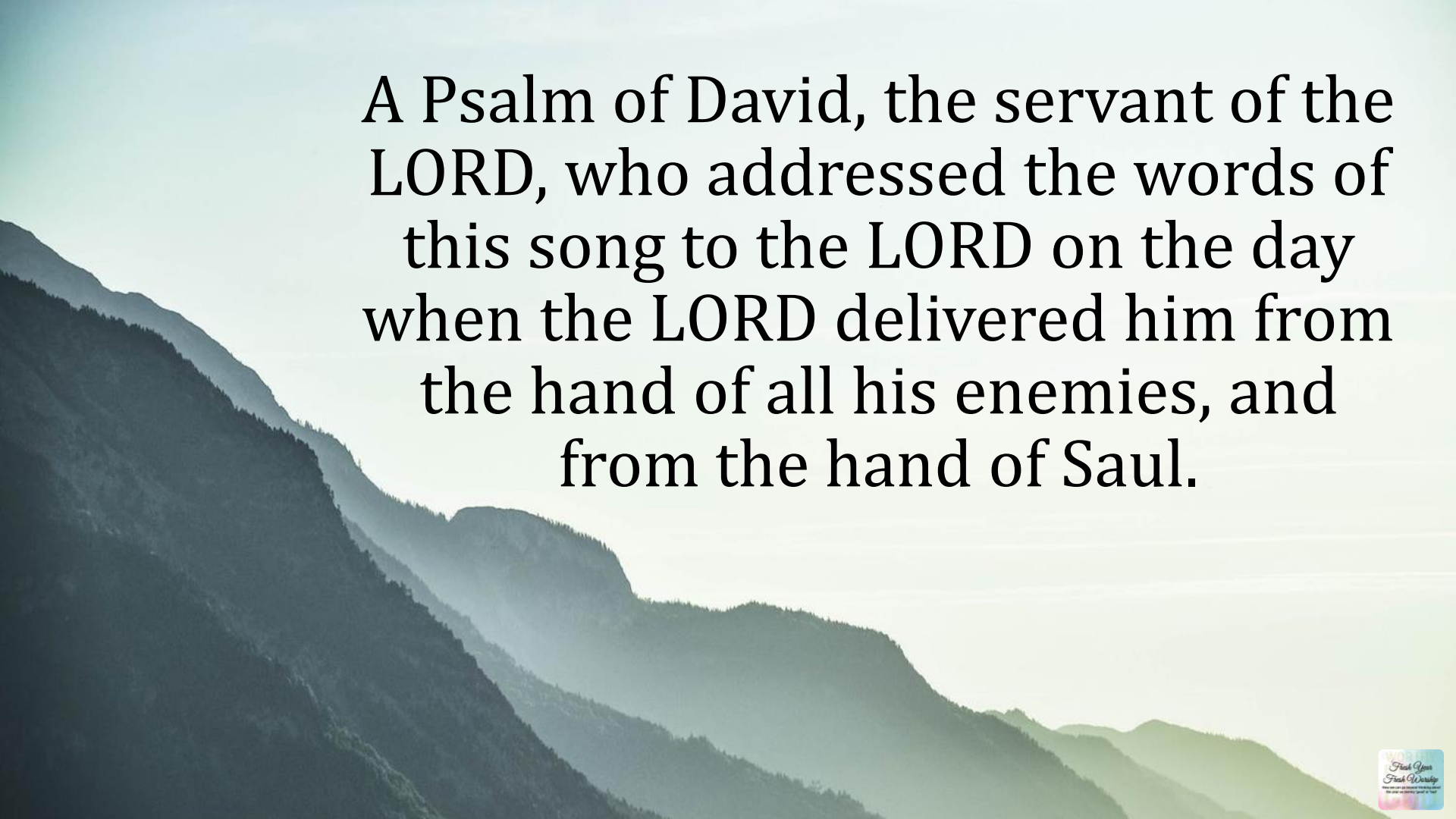


Fresh Year
Fresh Worship

**How we can go beyond thinking about
the year as merely 'good' or 'bad'**

29TH DECEMBER 2019

A scenic view of a mountain range with green hills and a clear sky. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The sky is a pale, clear blue. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

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 delivered him from
the hand of all his enemies, and
from the hand of Saul.

It is not merely the events of the year
that define it – but the presence of the
Worthy, Eternal, and Unchanging God
which does



**5 Truths
about God
for a Year of
Fresh
Worship**

**I. The LORD is Strong in
Defence (vv1-6)**

Psalm 18:1

I love you, O LORD...

Psalm 18:4-5

**4 The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;**
**5 the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.**

1 Thessalonians 5:18a

give thanks in all circumstances...

Psalm 18:1

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

Seeing the Worthy,
Eternal, Unchanging
God as the Strong
Defender brings
fresh love!



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**II. The LORD is Fearsome
in Intervention (vv7-19)**

I. The LORD is Strong in Defence (vv1-6)

Deuteronomy 4:24

For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Hebrews 12:29

for our God is a consuming fire.

Exodus 33:20

...you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.

Revelation 1:17a

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.

Seeing the Worthy,
Eternal, Unchanging
God as the Holy One
who personally
intervenes in our lives
brings fresh fear!



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**III. The LORD is Just in His
Dealings (vv20-27)**

I. The LORD is Strong in Defence (vv1-6)

II. The LORD is Fearsome in Intervention (vv7-19)

Psalm 18:20

The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.

Psalm 18:25-26

25 With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; **26** with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

Matthew 7:1-2

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”

Matthew 6:15

“but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Psalm 18:23a

I was blameless before him

Psalm 18:32

God [...] made my way blameless.

Seeing the Worthy,
Eternal, Unchanging God
as the Just One who deals
righteously with us,
brings fresh
obedience!

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**IV. The LORD is Victorious
in Offense (vv28-42)**

I. The LORD is Strong in Defence (vv1-6)

II. The LORD is Fearsome in Intervention (vv7-19)

III. The LORD is Just in His Dealings (vv20-27)

War-Related Language

- I can run against a troop (v29a)
- I can leap over a wall (v29b)
- equipped me with strength (v32a)
- set me secure on the heights (v33b)
- trains my hands for war (v34a)
- my arms can bend a bow of bronze (v34b)
- Your right hand supported me (v35b)
- Your gentleness made me great (v35c)
- I pursued & overtook my enemies (v37a)
- I did not turn back till they were consumed (v37b)



War-Related Language

- I thrust them through (v38a)
- they were not able to rise (v38b)
- they fell under my feet (v38c)
- You equipped me with strength for the battle (v39a)
- those who rose against me sank under me (v39b)
- my enemies fled from me (v40a)
- I destroyed my enemies (v40b)
- I beat them fine as dust (v42a)
- I cast them out like muddy water onto the street (v42b)




Ephesians 6:12

**For we do not wrestle against flesh
and blood**

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.



**To be
Saved
is to be
*Victorious***

Seeing the Worthy,
Eternal, Unchanging
God as the Victorious
One who makes
victors out of us,
brings fresh faith!



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**V. The LORD is Steadfast to
His Anointed (vv43-50)**

- I. The LORD is Strong in Defence (vv1-6)**
- II. The LORD is Fearsome in Intervention (vv7-19)**
- III. The LORD is Just in His Dealings (vv20-27)**
- IV. The LORD is Victorious in Offense (vv28-42)**

Psalm 18:47a

the God who gave me vengeance

Revelation 19:11

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

Seeing the Worthy,
Eternal, Unchanging
God as Steadfast
to His Anointed One,
brings fresh
endurance!



2 Peter 3:9-10a

9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. **10** *But the day of the Lord will come...*

Matthew 27:51a

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.