

PERFECT SECURITY

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Chapter one

My Rock

The Lord is my rock (Psa. 18:2). This is the very first spiritual experience, which we must have if we want to enjoy life fully. In God's Word we see our Lord being called Rock: the Rock was Christ (1 Cor. 10:4). It took the children of Israel about 38 years, wandering in the wilderness, to enter into Canaan. It was just a desert and a barren wilderness. There was no water to drink, no beautiful trees to look at but only rocks. And from the rock water came out. They drank the water and their cattle also. They saw that rock gave them water. What a clear picture of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Rock!

Before we can really taste God's love and experience, His power in our life we must know the Lord Jesus Christ Himself as our Rock. And that is why the psalmist says in Psa. 18:2, "Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them,he is like a man which build an house, and dig Deep, and laid the foundation on a rock and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it; for it was founded upon a rock " See how the Lord uses simple illustration to teach deep truths which are remarkable, simple and clear that every one of us may be able to understand what He is saying. If we are to build a house as wise persons we think of rain, storm etc. to make sure that we may be well protected from danger. There may be floods, heavy rains. All these storms of life speak of the trouble, which we have to go through in our life.

It makes no difference how clever, how great and how rich we are. We have to go through all these common trials because curse has come upon the world through sin. And that is why we as human beings have to be prepared for the curse, which came upon the earth. If you are building your house upon the solid rock foundation, the Lord Jesus Christ, then the Lord says, "Let there be any flood or rain or storm you are safe and secure". Otherwise the house will fall and that will be great fall. Those who have not got personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ are compared to the house built upon sand. (Luke 6:49). It will fall immediately, and the ruin of the house will be too great. That means there is a tremendous loss pain and death. To be sure and safe you have to have a definite experience with the Lord Jesus Christ as your rock and foundation. We see in 1 Cor 3:10, 11 that there is only one true foundation which will not be shaken with any storm or flood or rain. The Lord Jesus Christ has conquered every storm of life. That is why in John 10:17, 18, He told the disciples " I lay down my life.... No man taketh it from me, I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to lay it again". He showed his love and power by blessing and healing every one. But His power was still greater when he allowed them to scourge Him and to spit upon Him.

Once the disciples became very angry with the Samaritans, for they did not give place to the Lord Jesus Christ to sleep for one night (Luke 9:53). The Lord Jesus Christ had blessed these people on many occasions. Now He passed through Samaria on the way to Jerusalem. And He told John and James to find whether the

Samaritans would permit them to stay one night there. But they refused to give shelter and hence James and John were so angry saying, "you people are quite unthankful. How many times Lord Jesus Christ has been merciful to you and healed you from your sickness; but for one night you refuse Him a shelter". Then the disciples asked the Lord, "Lord give us permission that we may bring down fire from heaven to burn these people". But the Lord rebuked them saying "I have not come to destroy but to save ". That is why He willingly allowed them to spit upon and to scourge Him. If He wanted He Himself would have got fire from heaven for He had all power to overcome death, over any storm of life. But He willingly allowed them to do so. Why? That we may be delivered from the curse of sin. Through the very same painful suffering He wanted to give eternal blessing to the world.

The devil thought by scourging and spitting upon Him, he can be victorious; but by the very same suffering Satan was crushed. That is why though we are worst sinners yet we can become mighty people of God. The power, which He manifested in His suffering and pain, exceeds far greater than the power manifested in doing miracles. The Lord wants us to know Him, to come upon a firm and strong foundation through sufferings. If we come upon such a foundation then let there be any kind of suffering such as poverty and prolonged sickness or persecution through enemies or death, none of these can take away our joy. Rather we find our peace increasing like a river. Our peace and joy is not depending upon our possessions, wealth or position. The Lord may keep us anywhere in any situation our peace will increase.

When you go to the seaside you might see angry waves rising. Once when I was sailing from America to Japan the sea became very stormy .The ship moved only 2 miles in 25 hours. The sea waves rose to 80 feet high and the ship was reeling. You will find such angry waves on the surface only. But if you go some feet deeper you will find perfect calmness there. On the surface we see angry waves but underneath is calmness. And this could be our experience. In our hearts we can have peace of God which passeth all understanding. Peace like a river. God's Word says in Psa.119: 165, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Similarly Isa 26: 3 "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." The Lord Himself says, "peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto to you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." And the very first verse He spoke to the disciples after His resurrection is, "Peace be unto you," Paul the apostle says in 2 Thess. 3:16, "The Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means." That peace comes to us by the living savior Lord Jesus Christ. That is why He wants us to come on the rock foundation. Thus earthly trials may come to shake our faith; but can you say truthfully yes, my Lord is my Rock." Can you stand firm in the faith for the lord? Are you feeling troubled and anxious with different kinds of fears? The lord wants you to have, by simple faith, a definite personal experience of Him as a rock.

Now the question may rise: how can you prove that He is a living Savior? We have 7 proofs in the Bible that He is a living savior.

Swallowed death: The prophet promised in the year 700 B.C., long time before the savior's coming, that He will come and conquer death on our behalf. He will swallow up death in victory (Isa 25:8). The same prophet also prophesied about the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ death is the strongest enemy to be conquered by anyone. Nobody has ever-conquered death. It does not matter how long they live or what great things they do: when the time comes they die and never come back to life. But there is a case that has swallowed death in victory. He swallowed it as we

swallow food. This is the first great proof. Death had no power over Him. He conquered it for you and me.

Victory over death: The Lord Himself prophesied how on the third day he would rise again from death (Mark 9:31). Nobody can say, I will give my life and take it back again. But Lord Jesus Christ said, no man can take my life; I have power to lay it and I have power to take it again (John 10:18). As He prophesied He rose again on the third day and appeared 10 times to different people.

Empty Sepulcher: The sepulcher in which His body was laid is empty till today (Luke 24:2,3). People from all parts of the world go there to see it. The graves are full of dead bones, but this grave is lying empty till today.

Proclamation by the angels: Even angels came on the day of His resurrection and announced it. The angels came to announce the birth of the Lord Jesus and they came again to announce His resurrection. They said, " He is not here, but is risen." (Luke 24:5). He is a living Savior; He has conquered death for our sake.

His appearances: Then He appeared to different people after He rose again. In 40 days He appeared 10 times: 5 times on the same day of resurrection to the day of His ascension. First of all He appeared to Mary Magdalene and said to her, " Woman, Why weepest thou?" (John 20:15). Again the same morning He met other woman (Matt. 28:9). Third time He appeared to Simon Peter; fourth time to the two disciples going to Emmaus; then to the disciples in the upper room when the doors and windows were closed. Afterwards He appeared to the 500 disciples (I Cor 15:6); then for Thomas Sake; then He appeared to other disciples at the lake of Tiberius (John 21:4). Tenth time He appeared at Bethany when He ascended to Heaven (Luke 24:51).

His appearance after ascension: Then He appeared to Stephen when he was being stoned; again to Saul on the road to Damascus when the lord said to him. "Saul, Saul, Why persecutest thou me?" And Saul asked. " Who art thou, Lord?" Then the Lord said, " I am Jesus whom thou persecutest" (acts 9:4,5).

The Living Savior: The Lord tells to John in Rev.1: 18, "I am he that liveth, and was dead: and, behold, I am alive for evermore." The same living savoir wants to come into your heart. That is why He rose again. He wants that we may be with Him for Eternity, with immortal body. Let there be any hardship, any affliction, any pain, or any suffering you will have peace in your heart. Then you will say He is my Rock. My salvation; He governs me, He teaches me. In all circumstances I find peace in my heart. That is how He wants to become living Rock in you. He died in your stead to take away your sins and punishment. He knew no sin. He has all power: power over death, sickness, and devils and over the whole creation. Yet He died on the cross. He gave Himself willingly that the judgment and condemnation, which we could not bear. He bore on our behalf. Now He is knocking at the door of your heart to come into you. And the same power by which He rose again helps is to conquer all the storms of our life whenever you may be, you will find His peace in your heart. He will never leave you. Do you want such an experience? Please leave all fears of life and rest on the Savior, the living Rock. We thank God we have this experience too. May our Lord give you that experience?

Chapter Two

Now we see that the living Savior, our Rock, is also fortress in the olden days princes and kings had fortresses for their safety. Even today we see many strong fortresses in many parts of the world. One has to think well of the safety before starting to build a fortress. They have to protect themselves from all sides, because the enemy can attack from any side. They have to make abundant provisions for water and food in case the enemy besieges for many days or months. Any negligence can bring about defeat. In Bellary king Tippu Sultan got a fort to be built by a French engineer. They had to build a great wall on all four sides. The engineer designed a plan and built a very strong, very nice fort. When the work was completed the engineer took the king round the fort. When they came near one corner the King saw a small hill near the wall. Then Tippu Sultan said to the engineer, "you foolish man why did you leave that small hill outside the wall? Enemy can come from over that hill and defeat us." The engineer was so much disappointed that he committed suicide. After a few years the British people captured that fort from that small hill and defeated the king. One small negligence brought great defeat to the kingdom of Tippu Sultan.

Spiritually we need life-long safety. Going by God's word our Christian life is a daily warfare: not only for a few weeks, but also for the whole lifetime. Because we see in Eph. 6:12, or warfare is not against flesh and blood, it is against powers and principalities of darkness. The enemy goes on attacking us from different ways. When he sees the weak point he comes upon us. That building in Bellary was a very strong building all around. Only one little negligence brought breakdown completely. It was not intentional but negligence. There are all kinds of temptations, which come upon us. But the Lord becomes our fortress to protect us from all the attacks of the enemy. And that was the experience of David.

In sixteenth chapter of first Book of Samuel we see how the Lord chose David to be a better king with a shepherd's sling David was able to kill Goliath a giant who was more than 13 feet high. Rather than being thankful Saul became jealous of David and tried to kill him three times. David had to run away to find some shelter. His own wife, his friend like Jonathan, his relations and even his brother were afraid to hide him and protect him. He went to the House of God; there also they were afraid, evidently he found shelter in a cave that cave, the cave of Addullam, became his fort (1 Sam, 22:12) He could not find anything else. All his brothers and relations who are in afflictions and troubles come to him for protection. All these men who came to him were in great distress: they had no money, no food no weapon of warfare. At such a time the whole army of king Saul who had plenty of weapons of warfare, big army and money, surrounded the cave. David and the people with him could not get out even to buy food, Added to this there was no one to help from outside. The only thing was to call upon God for help and protection and food and for everything. That is how the cave became a very strong fort to David.

Then a miracle happened. The army of Saul surrounded the whole cave but could not come near him and touch him. That cave of Addullam can be seen even now in Palestine. It is a miracle how they got protection and their needs met in this small cave. Psalms 34,37,38,108, and 118 were all composed by him when he was in that cave Now he says in Psa.34: 1,4,7,19,20 he sought the Lord and the Lord heard him, and delivered him from his troubles and afflictions and fears, and never allowed the army of Saul or anybody to touch him. God's angels were constantly surrounding

them. Not only that but also all the people with him were given food. He says in Psa.34: 10 young lions do lack but they who fear the Lord lack nothing.

They might have seen and heard young lions roaring very loudly for food in the valleys. But the Lord went on supplying their need in a miraculous way in the cave and also brought there a very big spring of water. Even to day one can see very nice spring in that cave. Without any care for their food or other things they were singing and praising God. That is how that cave became a very strong fortress, and the whole of Saul's army could not conquer it. We had seen similar experience in 1938 in Quetta Earth quake. The Lord did protect us in danger. He became our Fortress and He will, if we only trust Him and not doubt Him. But many of us do not trust Him. We have only postman's faith. When a postman brings money order for Rs.25/- he gives Rs.24/- in currency notes and one rupee change. He won't say give me bribe, but he gives only Rs.24/- and change and then looks at the face. It is 'postman's faith'. No need to look like that. The Lord can supply without any hint or any sign. God supplied every need in the cave because they used to praise Him every morning. That is how they began every morning.

In Psa. 108:1-4 evidently David used to begin the day with prayer. While all where in sound sleep he started playing psaltery and harp and began to sing, "I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations." He was not worried about breakfast or midday food. He went on singing and one by one joined him. But some people rather than singing with him looked at the door of the cave thinking, "How will the food come where will it come from?" As David went on singing the whole place was filled by the food. We do not know how it came. It happened for many days. That is way David says, "The Lord is my Fortress" And that is how he can do to all of us. He can be our strong Fortress. But we must trust Him and obey Him and not question Him and never doubt Him. Don't look at man for help. Keep on looking upon Him alone begin your day with heavenly song on your knees. Don't look at enemies coming against you. Don't use worldly weapons to defeat your enemy. Let the Lord do it. He will become your fortress. That is how you see all these experiences. Our Savior. He is a living, loving Savior. He wants us to be with him as heavenly kings. He will keep His promises and become your Rock and Fortress.

Chapter Three

My Deliverer

We see here in Psa. 18:2 how a man of God, David, went through many problems and sufferings which a human being can go through. He began to see that every affliction every suffering, which was allowed by God, was intended to give him spiritual experience. Now he is saying He is my Deliverer. We saw already as in Psalm 34, how he was delivered from all afflictions, fears and troubles. Similarly we read in other psalm that he had experienced complete deliverance from fears troubles and afflictions (Psa 18:17-19). First of all he had to be delivered from his sinful nature. This is the greatest deliverance. We should have it if we want to have any share in the kingdom of God. None of us can be delivered from our sinful nature trying through any kind of human activity: neither by power, nor by long prayers, Bible knowledge fasting, following percept after percept. Only the life of God coming into us how wretched, sinful, corrupt is our nature.

See for example what Paul, the apostle in Rom. 7:17-25. He says, O, wretched man that I am who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (Verse 24). A man of God is testifying these words. He saw the light of God coming in to him and he is seeing the way of the old nature in him. Here the thought is that in those days when anybody was found killed and if the murderer also was found, then there was a very peculiar way of punishing him. They used to tie the murderer to the murdered body nose against nose, chin against chin, eyes to eyes and mouth to mouth. That is how he had to see his sin and he had murdered. That it-self would kill him consequently.

Here the apostle gives the same illustration. He calls his own body as dead body. Just as murderer had to carry the dead body wherever he went, the same way a sinner has to carry his sinful nature. Nobody has power to release him from that body. We cannot deliver ourselves from our sinful, wicked wretched body of death by any human effort. Even through David was a mighty man of God at the same time he had the very same kind of nature, which we have. But thank God he was delivered from that sinful nature by the mighty hand of God.

Going by the situations we can read his condition in 1 Sam 16:18. He was a mighty man, of war, cunning in playing music and also full of wisdom; he enjoyed God's favor. Yet we find latter on his own sinful nature dragging him in to shameful sin. Only when he repented and asked God to delivered him and save him, in Psalm 51, we read of deliverance to him. In seventh chapter of the second Book of Samuel, we read about his true condition as a man. That is how God is showing, from His Word, how much cultured we may be outwardly, we all have the same kind of sinful 'corrupt' nature. That is why we are dragged constantly by this sinful nature. Unless we are delivered from the sinful nature we are bound to fall the same way.

We read in 2 Sam, 11:1-5 that David, being a mighty king, ought to have joined the army. But it says, "David tarried still at Jerusalem" (verse1). And that is how by one act of negligence he entered into sin He walked on the terrace: saw a woman washing. Being a king he could send for the women; and he fell in sin (Verse 4). In a very subtle way he became an adulterer, He was a might king. And she was a married woman. He called away Uriah, the Hittite, her husband from the army. In doing so he wanted to cover his sin by many clever ways. We think and device how to sin and then now to cover it up. Now David was thinking how to cover his sin and

that the people may say the child is of Uriah (Verse 6) that is how he became a hypocrite (Verse 7). He began to enquire from Uriah about Joab and the battle in order to show that he sent for him only to enquire about war. That is why he spoke so kindly and so politely he was not interested in the welfare of Uriah (Verse 8). All these outward kindness and words of hypocrisy were to cover his sin. And that is how a sinner tries devices very cleverly to cover his sin. Here a great king had become an adulterer, a deceiver, a hypocrite and a liar. Uriah being a God-fearing man did not go home (Verse 9-11). No soldier is granted leave during the days of war. All leave is cancelled but in this case without Uriah applying for leave, David the king was granting him leave. Even then Uriah did not go to his house for he was a God fearing man. He said, "How can I go home when my Lord is in war" (Verse 11). The king thought he would not go home with ordinary mind, so he got him drunk. Even then Uriah refused to go to his house. Thus God's Word is showing us in a clear picture what our condition and sinful nature is! When all these devices failed David wrote a letter to Joab (Verse 15). Now he became a murderer. He got this God fearing man to be killed in the war. With all his mighty deeds he was still in his sinful nature.

How true God's Word is! God's description of every human heart is that it is deceitful above all (Jer. 17:9). All of us have used not only one but many cunning devices to cover our sin. Then God of grace sent prophet Nathan to show David his sin. God's Word says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper" (Prov. 28:13). God does uncover our sin to forgive, cleanse and bless us; but man uncovers our sin to put us to shame He began to repent and God forgave him and delivered him from his old sinful nature. By this failure he learnt a lesson that he had a sinful nature as others have (Psa. 51:5). True repentance always results in inward desire to claim God's mercy and forgiveness. He was not trying to defend or justify himself. But he humbled himself. God's mercies and compassion fail not. All those whoever have come to Him have learnt that He will never leave them, howsoever a great sinner he may be. Not only he asked forgiveness but also wanted to be delivered completely from his sinful nature.

In Psalm 51 David used three words for this purpose. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity: and cleanse me from my sin" (Verse 2), "purge me with hyssop"(verse 7). The three words are cleansing, washing and purging, ordinary clothes can be cleaned from the dust either by soap and water. But silver and gold require fire. That is why he used three words: cleansing, washing and purging. Not only he wanted forgiveness of all his sins but also he wanted the very memory of sin to be taken away. He wanted his sinful nature to be changed completely. He was longing for a complete deliverance (Verse 14). He wanted every stain caused by sin to be removed He wanted a new nature and to become new completely. That is how a sinner is delivered by coming to the Lord Jesus Christ. Now David could say, "The Lord is my Rock, He is my Fortress, and He is my deliverer. He delivered me from my sinful nature delivered from the power of sin, delivered me from the dominion of Satan, delivered me from all cunning devices of the Satan."

Only the Lord Jesus Christ can accomplish such a deliverance from any sin. That is why he suffered, He died, and He rose again to become our strong Deliverer. Any man how-so-ever wretched, corrupt and sinful he may be, can be delivered from his sinful nature by receiving the power of the death of Lord Jesus Christ. He died in our stead with three purposes. First of all He died to pay the penalty of sin (Rom. 4: 25). He was delivered for our offences and rose again for our justification, to deliver

from our punishment and judgment, God must punish sin. Because He is a Just God. But as a loving God He is constrained to love us and to forgive us. He died in our stead to fulfill these two divine laws. He took upon Himself the judgment, for our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. For our sinful deeds He was spat upon; His hands were pierced; feet were pierced; side was pierced; back was scourged; hair was plucked. And He bore all that willingly.

Secondly, He died to deliver us from our sinful nature (Rom 6:5). Sinful nature must be crucified. That is the only way to victory. Otherwise we will never be delivered from our sin, neither by our will power nor by bible knowledge, nor by long prayers.

Thirdly, the Lord Jesus suffered, died, and rose again to give a new nature. Divine nature and make us righteous (Rom 6:8). The very same life, by which He rose again, coming into us by faith, will make us righteous and give victory over sin. That is how David saw the Lord as his deliverer. He was longing for a new heart, a new nature, a new life because he wanted complete deliverance (Psa 51:10).

Those who want to see God's glory; they have to fulfill some conditions. That is why God took Job, a righteous and a good man through many experiences to give him personal experience of holy and mighty God. His whole property was taken away; cattle, sheep, camels were carried away; his whole body was full of bruises, sores. That is how Job came to know God as his deliverer (Job 42). The same way Lord Jesus Christ wants to become your deliverer. He wants to forgive your sin and to take away the very memory of sin and wash you and purge you completely. He wants to give you a new nature in the heart, everything new for eternity. Then you will say to your friends or anybody else, " He is my Rock, my Fortress, my Deliverer." All these can be your experiences, only when you come unto Him. Do not try to cover your sin. You will not prosper. If you go on covering your sins, one day you will be judged heavily in hell fire. Now God wants to be your savior. He wants to forgive your sin, and deliver you from your sinful nature. He will give you a new nature, entirely new. Call upon Him as David did, "Oh God! Have mercy upon me, I acknowledge my transgressions. I have sinned against thee. Wash me, thoroughly, create in me a new heart".

Chapter Four

My God

The fourth name in Psalms 18:2 is, "MY GOD" which means "My own God", all can talk about God but they cannot say, "He is my God" .It reminds me of one incidence. A God's servant did not have any message on a particular day. The audience kept on singing one song after another. But he went on Praying God to give him a message. After sometime he had to stand and say something, but he was still blank and empty. Hence he cried out "My God my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Feeling so much humiliated he came out and he told the other co-worker in the city, "My ministry has come to an end. From this place I must go somewhere else. I prayed so much. But the Lord did not give me any message." And he went away to a far off place.

After some years a thought came to him , " Let me go and see my old friends." So he came back. He visited some old friends and some ladies who were very faithful for every meeting . When he came to one house he found that lady had died. But her daughter was there. She told , " please sir, come inside; my mother had died; but I know you " He went inside. That young girl said to him, "Sir do you remember your last message before you went away from here?" The man said, 'yes , I have never forgotten . I was very much humiliated.' She said "I also cannot forget that message. On the same day, the same morning when you said in tears , 'My God! My God!' the Lord spoke to me. You called upon God as your God. That morning the Lord became my Savior. Now I can say, He is my Savior, my God and my Redeemer.

In that sense He is my God, my Lord and my Savior, who delivered me. If you show to a small child its father and say to the child, "He is my father." the child will say emphatically, 'No, he is my daddy!.' The child can say with great love , "he is my own daddy". A beggar may call you, " Father, father", but you are not his father. The same way the Lord is our merciful Creator, and no doubt He answers our prayers at different times, but still you may not be able to say like the child with great love at close relation. "He is my God, my own God. "

Before my conversion I prayed for many things and they were answered. I believed He is a living God, wonder-working God. But I could not say at that time, "He is my own God, my own Savior. " Many years ago I was in England. One question was put to me by my friends , "which is the most beautiful part in India?" I told them very proudly and joyfully , "Kashmir!" They asked, "Now tell us something about Kashmir." And I could talk about Kashmir hours together; "our Kashmir is wonderful , it is far more beautiful than your springs and valleys." What all I said was true. I was saying with great pride and joy, our Kashmir is wonderful. But I had never been there. It is only when I came back from England, in 1935, for the first time I saw Kashmir . What a difference! It is one thing to go just by hearing and another to see for ourselves personally. The same way , our Lord is so great ! He is so wonderful! He conquered death; He rose again; He loved everyone. It is all true. But has He become your personal living Savior? Do you know Him very intimately? Are you conscious of His presence whole day? Can you talk to Him as to a friend? Can you say He walks with you and talks with you? Is He living with you? Only then you will be able to say, "yes, I know He is my own Savior He is my God, my Lord."

Even though David was a mighty man and had great zeal for God, yet he never knew God till after many years of his difficulties. When he was forsaken by his friends and relations, he called upon God for everything. Then only we read, God became very near to him. From that time he could talk to God very freely. Now David is saying by experience, "He is my Rock, my Fortress, my Deliverer, my God." And he says, "I love my God more than I love my father or brother or anybody else" It is because no body helped him in his difficulties. That is why when he came to the cave of Addullam he cried out to the living God. There he had a definite experience with the living God. There he found a new song of praise and victory. In all the circumstances he could praise God.

In the twentieth chapter of John's Gospel we see that Mary Magdalene also could say truthfully, "He is my God". The wealthy Jews have a different way of burying their dead bodies. Jerusalem is situated in four hills. Hence they cannot dig graves. So wealthy people have their own sepulchers dug out in a rock for their own family. Inside the sepulcher they have place on the left side for the people to stand and look and on the right side for the body to be laid and covered with a slab. Outside the sepulcher they have a huge stone with grooves in the bottom and the top in which the door is made to slide. Going by the Jewish custom the dead body of the Lord Jesus Christ must be anointed with spices on the Easter day.

So on the early Easter morning, along with some other women Mary went with love devotion to the sepulcher, to anoint the body of the Lord laid in such a grave. Watchmen were watching his grave and they had a seal upon it. The women had to face all the angry Jews and soldiers. They had to roll the stone away. With all these difficulties they came there. Through their faith the stone was rolled away by angels. Seeing the grave empty all other women went away. But Mary was weeping standing outside the grave.(vs.11). I myself saw that grave. It has a place to sit down on both the sides. She saw two men, one on the head side and the other on the feet side. They asked "Woman why weepest thou?" She said "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." (vs. 13). What a strong devotion and love she had for the Lord Jesus Christ! She was prepared to face all the angry Jews and the soldiers, she was willing even to carry the body of the Lord if they had kept it anywhere else. And she was alone. How could she carry the whole body? But she was willing!

Suddenly the Lord Himself appeared to her (vs.15). Knowing her love and devotion He appeared and spoke to her. First He called her, "woman". Now He was calling her by her name, "Mary" (vs.16). The moment she heard her name, all her tears dried out and straight away she wanted to touch the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a very common custom to show respect to the elders; they touch their feet, with that devotion she wanted to touch his feet. And the Lord was saying to her, "Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended to my Father" (vs.17). After sometime our Lord appeared to the other women who were going from the grave. We find those words in Matt 28:9. "they..... held Him by the feet and worshipped Him." both these instances happened on the same Easter morning with a gap of about one hour. They were coming back because they left Mary alone. On the way the Lord met them and said, "All hail." Their Joy was so great that they held Him by feet. Then He allowed to touch His feet but to Mary He said, "touch me not."

Going by her devotion she did exceed all of them, even men disciples were hiding. But to such a woman the Lord was saying, "Touch me not." Why? He Himself

gave the answer. He said, "for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father; and to my God and to your God" (John 20:17). This means , 'Now my God becomes your God and my Father becomes your Father.' This proves that before He appeared to the other women as in Matt. 28:9, He went up and came back. He fulfilled a very great and important ministry in going up and coming down to enable us to go to Him; to make us a part of Him. Now He was in immortal body by which He could be anywhere , any time, in any part of the heaven. It was a wonderful body, glorified body , immortal body. Thank God we also will be given the same kind of body when He comes the second time.

In 1 John 3:2, we find the purpose of His ascension. We are told in Heb 9:11,12 that He is our heavenly High Priest to greater heavenly Tabernacle. He entered into the heavenly Holy Place by His own Blood. Now see what happened in the Old Testament period. In Twenty-third chapter of Leviticus, we have the details of a very important feast, the feast of atonement. The Jews as a nation are going to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the prophesy. Now imagine ,on the third day of atonement many people gather at the door of the Tabernacle, bringing sin offering and trespass offering. They cannot go inside, but confess their sins by laying their hands on the animal which is brought. On their behalf the animal is killed by the priest. The High Priest takes of his clothes and wears ordinary clothes and takes the blood and goes behind the veil into the most Holy Place. The blood is sprinkled on the mercy seat of the Lord, between the cherubims. Then comes the divine fire from heaven and consumes the blood. That means, the Holy God has accepted the sacrifice of those who brought it. Then comes the High Priest out side and tells all the people "People, rejoice ! Your God has forgiven your sins. On your behalf I went inside the Holy Place and offered the blood . I saw the holy fire coming down from heaven and the blood is consumed. That means God is satisfied and your sins are forgiven." In the Old Testament period that was the happiest day for the whole nation. That used to happen once a year.

According to ninth chapter of the Hebrews, the Lord Jesus Christ took His own blood in to the heavenly place. As prophesied in Psa 16:10, "Thou will not leave my soul in hell; neither will Thou allow Thine Holy One to see corruption." Our Lords blood never stank. Howsoever strong we may be , the very moment our hearts stop beating, our bodies start stinking. That is why they use ice to preserve the dead body for a long time. But the body of our Lord Jesus Christ never saw corruption. He was perfectly holy. He was born by the Holy Spirit, Holy blood. When He was scourged by the steel scourges, the blood came out. When they laid the crown of thorns on His head, blood came out. When His hands and feet were pierced, blood came out. When the soldiers pierced His side, blood came out. When He prayed in Gethsemane ,blood came out. Where did this blood go? It saw no corruption, it is pure blood. It has gone to heaven! From there the blood has to be sprinkled to purify us.

God's word says in Romans 4:25, "He was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification". That means the very same life , by which he rose again, has to be poured into our hearts. Don't think that just by confessing and repenting our sins will be removed. It is only by the power of resurrection we become righteous. It is the most holy power to be received only in purified spirit. As sinners all of us have guilty , defiled spirit. Whatever sin we commit by our thought or word or deed , it is engraven in our hearts. Now-a-days tape recorders are used to record whatever sound we make or whatever words we say. Even cough is

recorded. We cannot hear it then , but afterwards all sounds are heard. Like the tape recorders whatever we think or tell or do, all is written on our spirit. We are being defiled constantly every moment and because of this defilement the life of God cannot come into us. Without that life we cannot call Him "My God".

We call God "My Father", because we are born through Him. His life has come into us. We cannot call our uncles our fathers, nor can we call our neighbors our fathers. The man through whom we are born, we call him father. Unless we receive the life of God we cannot call Him "Our God." His life is the power of resurrection. He is holy God. He cannot pour His life into us unless we are purified. No other earthly power can cleanse us from our inward defiled nature. But the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ has power to cleanse us wash us and purge us By His blood we are cleansed (1 John 1:7). By His blood we are washed (Rev 1:5b) and we are purged (Heb 9:14). If there is ordinary dirt on clothes that stain won't go easily. You require strong chemical. That is purging. That is how our Lord will cleanse us by His blood and wash us thoroughly from inside.

The Lord was saying to Mary, "Mary I have not only risen again for you sake, but also conquered death for all those who come unto me. I want them to be a part of me. They can live for eternity. I want to be with you forever. Before that I must wash you, cleanse you and purge you with my blood. Then you can talk to me constantly saying 'my God, my Father'. 'You can come to boldly as a child. But first of all I must ascend to heaven as the heavenly High Priest and offer my own blood for cleansing, washing and purging.'

From the heavenly place the Lord pours the blood on the souls of the repenting sinners. The disciples saw his miracles they did live with him but they had not received the power of resurrection. Only after resurrection, when the Lord Jesus Christ ascended with His own blood, they were cleansed and straightaway they received the power of resurrection. God's word says, we cannot become righteous by confessing or repentance or will-power or by reading Bible or seeing miracles. Only by the power of resurrection we are made righteous and that power is working in a three fold way. First of all we become righteous, secondly we go on conquering in our earthly trials and afflictions as Paul says in Philippians 3:10, 11; 4:13. Thirdly one day we shall be given immortal bodies (Romans 8:11).

Then we can say, "I belong to him for eternity. He is my God, my heavenly Father. I am His child. I belong to Him for eternity, and shall be with Him forever. I shall be His co-worker and partner.' After the resurrection the disciples became children but till then they were His servants, His apostles. That is why they became so bold afterwards. Before that they were hiding in the upper room. But afterwards they could shake the whole world (Acts 4:12,13). All their guilty stains were washed, cleansed, purged by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. And by the very same blood we can enter into the most holy place as children of God (Hebrews 10:9). When children come home they do not say 'May I come in Sir?' they come boldly into any part of the house. They are your children; they have personal claim over their parents. The same you we have boldness before His presence through His blood. Then we can say, "He is my God, my Father. He will carry me through dark valley and give me my share in the heavenly places and make me king for eternity in His kingdom." Now please tell me in that sense, are you a child of God? How do you talk to Him? Do you have liberty to go to Him and talk to Him, or do you go as a beggar for crumbs? Can you say, "He is my God?" May our Lord give us all such experience.

Chapter Five

My Strength

How can we prove His strength day by day and month by month throughout our life-time for our physical and spiritual need? I thank God He has become my strength and taught me to claim His strength for any need, at any time. First of all He became my living Savior by forgiving my sins. When He uncovered my sins I repented I said, "Lord, tell me is there any hope for a sinner like me? No doubt I have done all these shameful things. I do confess my sins. I am sorry for them." Then I heard a voice. "This is My body broken for you; this is My blood shed for the remission of your sins." These words were entirely new to me. So I said, Lord these words are beyond my understanding I believe them. And I believe that His body was broken for me and His blood was shed for the remission of my sins. Then a voice came to me, "Go my son, thy sins be forgiven thee." I was changed completely. Heavenly joy filled my soul. I began to feel God's presence. I read the whole Bible in six weeks.

In the early days of my Christian life while I was in America I had to go through poverty. Before my conversion I had money in two banks. I never knew what it was to be without money. At that time my father was involved in a High Court case. I never knew that I sent many letters and cables but got no reply. I had to look for a job. I decided that I would never beg for money nor borrow. I knew if I started begging or borrowing after such a conversion. It would bring shame to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I knew that my father and my mother never like me begging for food from my neighbors or relations. God's Word also says in Rom 13:8. "Owe no man anything except love" In those days there was unemployment problem. Many thousands lost their jobs and they had to go house to house selling biscuits and cakes to earn money for their living. So I looked for a job but no vacancies. I decided to take any job however low it might be, but not to beg. I had no food. If anybody felt interested in India he would take me over a cup of tea to have a talk about India. That used to be my whole day's food. But in all those days I could feel new strength given to me for every situation.

Sometimes if we do not have proper meals for two or three days we get headache, backache, and we become weak. In these days, if people do not have a cup of tea they are miserable. Never I felt hungry or thirsty. Only I prayed thus, "To my surprise He gave me strength. Such a strength never comes by any food. After much enquiry and searching. I got a job of cook. I had to prepare food for more than 700 people. I had to stand at the stove for about seven hours at a stretch. I knew that if I go by my own strength, I could not do it. I went praying all the time "Lord, for Thy glory hold my hand, I do not know how much salt, how much pepper to put in..." I went on praying and putting the ingredients. I never spoiled the food, even though I never did it before in India. The Lord gave me strength, he gave me wisdom.

When I began the Gospel work in Karachi in 1933, I had to walk many miles everyday, giving out the gospels, I never knew whether I would get morning meal or afternoon meal. The Lord told me that I should never tell any of my needs to anybody by any means; neither by a letter nor by a sign nor by any other means. Yet they were happy days. I could prove His strength. I walked many miles without food; but never was there a murmuring thought! I tell it for God's glory as a testimony. We can say, "He is my Strength." In every physical weakness we can

prove it. In many situations I proved it. Once at midnight I had a knock at my door. I got up and opened the door and saw a man. He said, "Brother, excuse me for coming so late. I had a dream; somebody told me; "Go to Bro. Bakht Singh and ask him about his food. So I got up and went into kitchen. There was one plate of rice and curry left after the evening meals. Please tell me did you have any food today?" I said to him, "Let me think about it. Yes I had no food the whole day. But I never felt hungry. I was quite happy."

God does give strength for every physical weakness. Sometimes we had to walk 20 to 30 miles and He gave us strength. I do not know how it happened. But we felt no sense of physical tiredness. The same things is observed during the holy convocations. Some people get rest only for one or two hours. But they are very fresh; they never murmur. Others sleep for seven or eight hours; they murmur. If they are awakened in the morning they get angry. But they can prove God's strength. God takes us through all situations. He is sufficient in all our needs.

In 1938 before we had a Gospel-campaign in South India, the Lord burdened us to have all night prayer meetings for 19 days. Many said to me, "How can we pray whole night and work day time?" Many God fearing people also said, "It is impossible to pray whole night; we will go away" After a few days we conveyed to them that God wanted us to have all night prayer meetings. They said, " We are old people, do not expect us to come." And for 19 days we went on praying whole nights. We had morning meetings evening meetings and all night prayer meetings. We had hardly two hours sleep. But nobody fell sick or weak or tired. Afterwards we saw God working mightily in many parts of India; but before that we had to have extra strength for all night prayer. And God gave us strength.

Some years ago some of us went to Assam for meetings. A few men who lived in high mountains came there from far off places. They begged me for meetings for one or two nights. I agreed after praying to reach that place we had to climb very steep mountains all the night without food, We had to cross a very dangerous bridge with only a log of wood. After a long walk our feet were with blisters and legs were aching. When we reached the destination they told us that people were waiting for the meetings for four hours and so food would be served the next day. We prayed the Lord to give strength and He gave us His strength. It was a wonderful meeting, I had entirely forgotten the weakness. The Lord gave His word, and liberty And He broke many hearts. This happened to us many times. We have to claim by faith, the Lord's extra strength. All these lessons are never learnt by reading a book or by any other method. That is how God becomes more real to us. We can call upon Him for His strength at any time, in any place in any situation. He is a faithful God. He is wonder working God. He tell "prove me now." "You call unto Me and I will answer."

If you find your burden heavy, claim His extra strength by faith. It may be your personal burden, or family burden or any other burden the Lord will roll away all your burdens. You will see God's power coming into you in a new way. But first of all He must become your personal living Savior. Do not remain in false experiences; have living experiences. These days the dentists make very nice, clear shining, white teeth but they are the part of the body. Night time the teeth say, "Please takes us out." No doubt they are some what useful. But they are not the part of you. Your physical life does not flow into them. We must have a personal, real experience of the living Savior not like the false teeth. Can you say sincerely and truthfully. "Yes He is my Savior, my Strength?" May our loving God make these words your experience!

Chapter Six

My Buckler

The Lord is also our Buckler and shield to protect us from the fiery darts of the enemy. According to Eph 6:16 the shield is one of spiritual weapons of warfare provided for our defense against the subtle attacks of the enemy. It is the shield of faith where with we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. The enemy uses many subtle devices to try to bring failures in the lives of His servants and saints. He tries to weaken their faith by bringing doubts and fears in their minds. But with the help of the shield of faith we can rebuke the enemy and enjoy complete victory over all these attacks. Thus we become more than conquerors through Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us. By binding the powers of darkness, by faith, according to Matt. 18:18, we get victory. At the same time our faith becomes strong day by day.

To enable us to have a real strong faith we have to go through many refining fires. We see in Rev 3:21 the Lord said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my father in his throne" But here we are reminded that a strong faith should be created in us to overcome and to sit in the throne of the Lord Jesus Christ according to his desire. In Rev 3:18 the Lord said, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire.." The refined gold speaks of a strong faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." God cannot be refined even by tons of soap. It is refined only by fire. And generally gold-smith has to use two kinds of fire to refine gold: fire underneath to melt it and fire on the top like blue flame to refine it. And he goes on blowing the blue flame on the molten gold till he sees his own face fully and clearly reflected in the gold like a mirror.

The same way we also have to go through two kinds of battles and afflictions in our lives to have such a faith : battles inside our hearts due to conflicting desires and emotions, and outside due to persecutions, hardships and trials. But we thank God, because of our union with the Lord Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection we can claim the complete victory of our Lord Jesus Christ which he wrought over death and Satan on the cross for all our needs. Thus we become more than conquerors and at the same time we get strong faith to overcome; also we become qualified to sit in the throne of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For the same reason, after giving them the promise God kept Abraham and Sarah waiting for a child for about twenty five years to give them strong faith. When there was no hope for them physically to have a child they began to realize that God is almighty and nothing is too hard for Him. God can use all kinds of situations in our lives to give us strong and active faith. So we thank God for every situation, every affliction we have to go through; for in such situations He becomes our Buckler; our faith becomes like refined gold. He is a faithful God. According to his promise in 1 Cor 10:13, "But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." It is only by such a strong and living faith we get full understanding of the unseen things and we see all God's promise fully fulfilled in our lives. It helps us to enjoy unbroken, uninterrupted fellowship with Him. It is through faith we have full liberty and boldness in the most holy place through the efficacy of the precious

blood to call upon the Lord for all our needs and see Him working beyond our asking and thinking. It is only by faith that we can enjoy our daily walk with the Lord fully trusting in Him for all our burdens and trials. So we can thank God for He is our Buckler and He can use every means to give us strong and active faith.

Chapter Seven

The Horn Of My Salvation

Now we see what David means when he says, "The Lord is the Horn of my Salvation". Just as he says. "He is my Rock, my Fortress, my God....", likewise he says in the same verse, Psalms 18:2. "He is the Horn of my Salvation." He is going step by step. Now he began to see more clearly the Lord's purpose in saving him. In the beginning when we repent of our sins, we think only of our sins forgiven. But God has a very high purpose in saving us. To be our Creator, the Lord said only one word (Psalms 33:6). He is the Creator (Col. 1:16, 17). He is the upholder (Heb 2:3). And in the same way, just by His one word the whole universe will disappear (Heb 1:12). We can imagine what a great power is manifested by our Lord in creating just by His one word: He said, and it was so. But to be our redeemer, He humbled Himself. He emptied Himself and gave his hands and feet to be our Savior. The power He manifested to be our Savior is mightier than the power He manifested to be our Creator. In the Word of God we see that the redeemed children of the Lord Jesus Christ will live with Him forever. Therefore he must have a very high purpose in saving us. He paid all what He had to make us His own. So He calls us as a pearl of great price, this His portion, His inheritance. That is why the Psalmist says, "He is the Horn of my Salvation."

In the Bible horn speaks of kingdom (Rev 17:12,16). In Rev. 5:6, it is said about the Lord Jesus Christ, "A lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth in to all the earth" That means the One Echo is slain will make us righteous. The Word Lamb appears twenty-eight times in the Book of Revelation. At the same time He is called the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords (Rev. 17:14, 19:16; 1 Tim 6:15). His power as King of Kings and the Lord of Lords is fully manifested by becoming the Lamb of God. You can imagine the Lord Jesus Christ standing before you as a Lamb. That is how John the Baptist saw him and spoke about him. When he first saw Him he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." He said it twice. In other words if you want to know Him as the King of kings, first of all you must know Him as the Lamb.

Many people know Him as a prophet doing miracles. Many say that He was a perfect One, and that He made sacrifice on the cross. But they do not know Him as the Savior, the One Who died in their stead as a Lamb. That is why they are not profited by His life and sacrifice. They remain in darkness, sin and shame, They have no peace. Their lives are defeated because they do not know Him as the Lamb of God. They may attend many meeting and see many miracles. But they are without peace, without joy, without hope and without life.

We find the same Lamb with seven eyes and seven horns. The seven eyes speak of the fullness of God dwelling in the Lord Jesus Christ (Col 2:9, 10). The number seven in Bible speaks of the fullness and perfection. The Lord wants us to be filled by God's fullness and according to Eph 3:19. "Know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." But those who do not know Him as the Lamb of God, they cannot say by faith "He died in my stead, He took my place. He bore my judgment and he suffered for my sake" Such a faith qualifies us for our share in God's fullness. The seven horns speak of his everlasting kingdom. When we first came to Him and accepted Him, we saw Him as the Lamb Who took our place and died in our place. As we grow spiritually we see by

revelation that He is our Creator, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. When He appears the second time He will appear as the King of kings and the Lord of Lords.

Now David is saying, "He is the Horn of Salvation." That means David now understood that God wants him to be king with Him forever. The Lord wants us also to be His kings and praise for ever (Rev 1:6, 5:9, 10). Do not think that these words are meant only for the apostles or the God's servants. They are sung by those who are redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ by His blood out of every tongue, every language, and every nation; because He has paid all what He had to make us His own property and treasure. That requires revelation and faith, a living faith as David had. He saw that God wanted him to be not only a better king than Saul, but also a heavenly king forever. You may say, "It might be true of David or Paul not of us. We are very weak and foolish." But howsoever weak and foolish we might be before man, in the sight of, our Lord Jesus Christ we are very precious. Unto Him we are as a pearl of great price. And that is why He says in Luke 12:32 that He wants to give us the kingdom. What God gives is forever. David is seen as a heavenly king, because he had true salvation by the previous blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. You also can become qualified to be heavenly kings if washed in His blood.

Thus we see the Lord Jesus Christ with seven horns and we are give one horn. We have to know Him as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Now upon the earth, by keeping ourselves constantly under His headship, lordship and kingship, we are prepared to be qualified for that high position. Then you can say boldly with all the fellow believers. "One day when my Lord appears in the sky I will be a heavenly king for eternity. He will take me also with Him with a heavenly body. On that day He will make me a heavenly king for eternity. On that day He will make me a heavenly king in His kingdom. Now upon the earth, I want to be kept under kingship. He is the Horn of my Salvation." What a salvation! A man like filthy rag dry leaf, faded flower is made a heavenly king. For that purpose Christ gave all what He had. He left His glory. He left His throne and His heavenly kingdom, and He came down. He became poor to make us rich and to make us kings, mighty kings, heavenly kings, to reign with Him as His co-workers forever.

But it all begins with the personal experience of Him as David had. He is my Rock; the true, living and unshakable foundation. He is my Fortress and I am safe in Him: perfectly safe from every danger, from every possible attack of the enemy. He is my Deliverer. He delivers me from my old sinful nature. He is my God, my own God. I can call upon Him any time anywhere for anything. He is my Strength: both physical and spiritual. His life and strength are available to me in trial and temptations. In my mortal body He becomes my divine strength and give victorious life. He is my Buckler, my shield of faith which enables me to resist the fiery darts of the wicked one: the darts of unbelief and fear. And now I see him as the Horn of my Salvation. He wants me to be a king forever in the heavenly kingdom. Now the earthly trails are the preparation to be a king in heavenly kingdom. Otherwise how can we occupy such a high position without being trained.

Chapter Eight

My High Tower

In the last seven chapters we have seen the meaning of seven phrases mentioned in Psa 18:2. Now let us see the salt phrase. The Psalmist says, " The Lord is my high tower ". We see that any verse in the Bible has many spiritual meanings. In the olden days after winning a battle the kings used to build the high towers as a memorial of the great victory wrought over enemies. In some places they used to build towers for the memory of some persons. In Washington there had been one well-known president called Abraham Lincoln. The slavery was abolished in His days. Before that the Negro slaves were being sold in the Bazaar. Abraham being a good believer, fought against slavery. To achieve the goal he lost even his life. And now as a memory they have built a tower in Washington, the capital city of USA.

David had to fight many battles and had to defeat the philistines. But here is telling about the spiritual victory, the victory over the powers of darkness. He started seeing his own condition as a sinner in the sinking miry clay. In some parts of Africa there are many places where there is miry clay. On the surface it looks a nice ground, but if some one steps on it they would find themselves sinking down. The more they try to come out the deeper they go. That is how many strong animals are buried alive. They are pulled down by some kind of sucking force. If we want to pull them out, a greater and a stronger power is required. As sinners all us are lying in the very deep and horrible pit. Nobody can deliver us from such a horrible pit and from the miry clay. That is why our Lord Jesus came into the world. He became man, died in our stead and rose again for our sake that we might be pulled out by his mighty hands.

As sinners we have to come out from the power of Satan. The Lord Jesus Christ has conquered death on behalf of all of us. And that is how He becomes our high tower. In Him we are made to pass from death unto life (John 5:24). One can see how peacefully and calmly God's people pass away. I have seen some believers in much pain and sufferings before they were called to glory. But when the time comes for them to go to glory, suddenly their faces changed. One could see the light of God shining on their faces, as if they were just sleeping peacefully. They were saying 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory". (I Cor 15:55). Otherwise one can see nothing but darkness on the faces of the dying persons. The very word death causes fear and terror in our hearts and makes our faces fearful and dark.

The high towers are also built to show the prosperity and the increase. In Tokyo Japan, they have built a very high tower to show the increase of different shops. Now almost every day people from America and Europe are going to Tokyo to see the tower. But for a believer the high tower speaks of fruitfulness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Before we were born again, all of us were living an un-fruitful life, a life of defeat and shame. We were doing shameful things, wasting our time, energy and money. But the Lord Jesus Christ came into us making us abundantly fruitful. I have seen people who were living once in complete bareness and defeat; but now have become mighty man of God.

In other places high towers are used to give warning to ships. In some parts of seacoast we find hidden rocks. Near Quilon, South India, in some parts of seaside there are hidden rocks. So they have built a lighthouse. It is a very high tower with very powerful light, which keeps on shining the whole night and day to warn the ships sailing by that way. Otherwise many ships would be destroyed by dashing against the hidden rocks. That is how the lord also goes on warning people about dangers; and subsequently He makes us also those who give warning to others.

In the year 1935, I was invited to Quetta in north India for gospel meeting. I had been there already in 1934. So I thought I had no need to go to Quetta. But when I prayed, the lord told me to go there. I prayed second time, third time; but again and again I got the same answer. Hence I went there. One of my friends, an English man, Mr. Lockwood, was recently born again. He also had a burden for the people in Quetta. It was like a Sodom and Gomorrah. Many were going that side for sinful lust. My friend managed to arrange meetings at a military church building. They never had such gospel meetings before in that building. More over it was about four miles from the city. Those who wish to come for the meetings had to walk three or four miles one-way.

We had meetings from May 29th to 31st. On May 31st the Lord gave much liberty to speak about the wrath of GOD. Many repented of their sins. Then at midnight a terrible earthquake occurred and, 58000 people were killed with in 18seconds. 92% of the population died and many among the living had their bones broken. It was a very sorrowful site. But among the believers there was not even a single fracture. Those who came to the meetings were all safe except one girl. That girl was a nurse in a hospital. In right time they repented and were saved. And that is how our high tower, the lord Jesus Christ becomes our warning tower. He uses us also to warn others. When we as co-intercessors with the lord Jesus Christ, pray and intercede for others many are saved. We have seen this for many years. God has given us the honor and privilege to show that he wants us as the high tower that our relatives and friends might be saved.

Then the high towers built in airports to help the flying planes in the night times. They tell them how to land and where to land. To keep the runway the pilot can see the light in the tower house in the airport. If the pilot makes a mistake many lives would be in danger. Sometimes there would be mist or thick clouds. At such times the airport lighthouse is very necessary. The lord Jesus Christ is our high tower and our lighthouse to keep us in the right path. He tells us " do not go that way, go this way". Thus we are saved from making many mistakes. But we come across believers who are very sad. They make wrong choices in marriages; rather than being governed by the High tower they are led by man, by their uncles, aunties, friends or relatives. They failed to be controlled by the lord Jesus Christ, who is our guiding tower.

Now we see that in most of the places there are clock towers. Looking at the clock tower one can know the correct time. At west minister Abbey in London city there is a high tower and there is a very old big clock. That helps people to come in time. They can see it from long distance. Their time is not wasted. In the same way we are warned again and again by our Lord. First of all, our time is in the Lord's hand. Now we cannot waste our time. But sad to say many believers waste their time. Many get up early in the morning; but rather than having their quite time, they go to gossiping and spending more time in cleaning teeth. That is why for them the

whole day is full of failures and troubles. They are full of worries and full of fears. But those who have quite time regularly and give God the best time every morning, reading the Bible and praying; they find that the whole day is blessed and fruitful. They are given divine strength, divine guidance for the whole day. Our Lord is our clock tower. He reminds us that the time is passing, and not to waste our time. Life is short; make the best use of time; do not waste it our silly matters and in gossiping. Use your time profitably for God's glory or for somebody's benefit. He is a wonderful high tower. But now the question is, Has He becomes your high tower.

In olden times the high towers were used by the watchman to watch and see the enemy before hand. They used to warn people whenever they saw enemy coming with horses and weapons of warfare. Sometimes the enemy would come at midnight. Heeding to their warnings people used to get ready. They would shut the main gate and get ready with weapons to face the enemy. That is how they were saved from difficult times. The Lord is our watching high tower. Before hand he makes us to know of the coming attack of Satan saying, " Be very careful now; otherwise you may fall into some temptations.

In some places, in the front side of a high tower, like Ashok pillar, they write doctrines and precepts. So while passing by the people read these writings. Our Lord is our high tower containing a holy life that we may come under God's full purpose. In other places there are high towers to preserve trophies and the weapons of warfare they won. That is for a sign of victory reminding them what kind of weapons the enemy used. If they want to defeat the enemy they must know what kind of weapons they have with them. Only the Lord Jesus Christ knows the weapons that Satan uses. Let the Satan come in any way, let him come as a roaring lion, or as a ravening wolf, as an angel of light, or as a flood, or as an accuser. Our Lord knows how to defeat him. So naturally you can go to Him and pray to Him," Lord save me and keep me at this time." Thus surely you can say that I am profited by having Him as my high tower, full of every blessing.

In conclusion let these eight words from Psa 18:2 be en-graven upon our hearts deeply, and then go on praying, " O Lord, make these words my daily experience ". But remember, if He has to become our Rock, our foundation, our sins must be forgiven. This is the beginning. Unless our sins are forgiven our Lord cannot help us. He cannot touch us.

Can you say truthfully and definitely, " My sins are forgiven, they are buried and forgotten, they are removed as far as the east from the west; and that they blotted out like a thick cloud?" If not you can come now to His feet with a real repentant heart and feel sorry for your sins and say to Him in a simple language, " Lord, I thank you for dying for me; I thank you for giving thy life for me. I thank you for washing me from all my defilements ". Such a simple prayer and simple faith will give you the beginning of this experience. Then you also will say " Lord, you are my Rock, my Fortress, my deliverer, my GOD, my strength, my buckler, the horn of my salvation, and my high tower". May our Lord make it so.