PSALM 144 vs 1

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This Psalm is very similar to Psalm 18, yet it is a new song. And in its latter portion it is strikingly so. It is the language of David, if ever a language can belong to any man; as surely as we could say of any poem. This is of Tennyson, or of Longfellow, we may say, This is of David. Alexander well says, "The Davidic origin of this Psalm is as marked as that of any in the Psalter. -- Charles Spurgeon: Mercy = getting what you do not deserve.

It is to God the devout warriors sings when he extols Him as his Strength and Stay - his Anchor. He holds man in small account, and wonders at the Lord's regard for him; but he turns in his hour of conflict to the Lord, who is declared: a Man of War.



A Psalm of David,

¹Blessed is the LORD my Rock who teaches my hands to fight, and my **fingers to battle** / this has been our personal battle cry for many years, as we play instruments of joy unto our Lord God who loves us and saved us by His blood; as we compose our songs, as we work on this commentary of the word of God; recognizing so many great and faithful men and women from past ages. David's best word is given to his best friend "Blessed be the Lord" David was called to be a man of war, and was eminently successful in his battles; yet he does not trace this to his good warrior skills or valor, but to the LORD; being taught and reinforced for the war and the fight -- Charles Spurgeon.

David knows, that if the Lord had not been on his side, he would have been a nothing; Jesus the night He was betrayed, said: I am the vine, you are the branches, without Me, you can do nothing – John 15:

²my Goodness, and my Fortress; my High tower, and my Deliverer; my Shield, the One in whom I take shelter; who subdues my people under me.

³O LORD, what is man, that You know him! or the son of man, that You consider him! David is not confused about the greatness of our God and His grand creation; David knows mankind is replete with every kind and color of royal jackass - be they male or female; David knew father **Jacob** who's name meant: **scoundrel**, charlatan, crooked thief.

Proverbs asks: What is God's name? What is His Son's name, surely you know.

It is beautiful to reflect on this verse: when Jesus the Messiah stepped from heaven's glory and walked among us, He was guick to embrace this title: son of man. The disciple John told us that Jesus is the only begotten of the Father from all eternity. He could have walked around brandishing His title: "Son of God" wherever He went: but He chose to walk in humility and instead took the title: "son of man", or "Son of Adam"; He had some heavy lifting that nobody else could do; and pay a price that nobody else could pay. And isn't it interesting, when He took our title, He made possible for all who would follow Him, to take His title and be called "Children of God",

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- ⁴Man is like a breath: his days are like a shadow passing.
- ⁵O LORD, bow Your heavens, and come down: touch the mountains, and they **smoke.** / and we know He did.
- ⁶Flash forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot Your missiles, and destroy them / David wants the Lord to intimidate the enemy; remember this servant of the Lord is struggling against bitter foes; and he finds no help in men, so he calls on God to pull out all the artillery of heaven and soon put the enemy to flight. David knows YHWH never misses the mark - Charles Spurgeon.
- ⁷Stretch Your hand from above and rescue me; deliver me from great waters, from the hand of foreigners / so David was dealing with people who did not respect the borders and boundaries the Lord established for all the peoples and nations; much like we see in our genius generation, with roman globalists calling everybody their enemy, and smashing and destroying hundreds of thousands in their societies, even targeting the ancient Christian communities – with tax-payer dollars;
- ⁸ whose mouths speak empty words; whose right hand is a right hand of deception.
- ⁹O God, I sing a new song to You: on a harp of ten strings I sing praises to You;
- ¹⁰the One who saves kings: who delivers David His servant from the deadly **sword** / David was dealing with the same neighbors -- cousins of his, who are the same people sent to wake up the sleepy, faithless people of God – I find it interesting the only time the word: worst is used in the Bible is when the Lord describes such people: that the prophets Ezekiel and Jeremiah told us about who are coming.
- ¹¹Rescue me, deliver me from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak empty words; whose right hand is a right hand of deception / wow! David for a second time is still talking about these worst bloodthirsty people with their swords, I wonder if like sociopaths, they raped and killed and even cannibalized even the littlest children, now days greedily harvesting body parts for the wealthy to eke out a few more worthless years of life of thieving and stealing. Notice, David does not say all foreigners speak empty words and deceive, but those who do not speak truthfully and come to work their deception, should be treated as seditious: David says, Rescue me / he was anxious to get back to finish the battle protecting his people,
- ¹² that our sons like plants grow up in their youth / strong, firmly rooted, well nourished; if they will not grow up in their youth, when will they? If in their opening manhood they are dwarfed, they will never get over it. We desire a blessing for our whole family, daughters and sons. For girls to be left out of the circle of blessing would be unhappy indeed. Daughters unite families and at the same time they adom them. Home becomes a palace when daughters are maids of honor, and sons are noble in spirit; the father is king and the mother gueen, and royal residences are more than outdone - Charles Spurgeon;

that our daughters like pillars, are shaped in royal style:

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13 that our barns are full, supplying every kind of produce / when all the fruits of the earth are plentiful, the fruits of our lips should abound in joyful worship and thanksgiving. Adam tilled the ground to fill the gamer, while Abel kept sheep, and watched the lambs. Each occupation needs God's blessing:

that our sheep produce multiplied thousands and ten thousands in our fields:

¹⁴that our oxen are strong to labor that there be no breaking in, no going out / so the plowing and carting of the farm be duly performed; and the farmers work be accomplished without unduly taxing the cattle, or working them cruelly; and no interruption of marauders, no thefts and no evictions;

that there is no complaining in our streets / no sorrow, no rebellion; no secret dissatisfaction, no public riot, no fatigue of poverty, no clamor for rights denied; no concerning wrongs unredressed. And why should there be? What do I really have to complain about? The state of things pictured is very wonderful: all is peaceful and prosperous; the throne is occupied efficiently, even the animals in their stalls are the better for it. This has been the condition in our own country, and if it should now change, who can wonder? for ingratitude deserves to be deprived of blessings which it has despised - Charles Spurgeon.

¹⁵Blessed are such people: yes, blessed are such people, whose LORD is God.

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