

**April 1, 2025**

Because God is loyal and faithful

**Ps. 18:1-3** *I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.*

The Hebrew word for *stronghold* is **misgabbi** which means *a place that is secure, a high place or unassailable*. I love the picture that David paints with his word - stronghold. He had been in these places before when he was hiding from King Saul and his men. They sought to find him and kill him. David knew the benefit of finding a place where he would be totally safe. His favorite place was En Gedi. This was a hidden place in the desert where there were many caves and crags to hide in and there was an abundant supply of water and food. What a beautiful depiction that is of our LORD. He is our stronghold.

The Hebrew word for *deliverer* is **umefalti** which means *a way of escape, to be rescued or saved*. Without our deliverer, we would be hopelessly lost. I'm sure that this brings reminders to us all, of the times that our LORD has been watching over us and delivering us from the attacks of the evil one. I'm so glad that I've been saved from my sins and the penalty of those sins. I'm so glad that I can now walk in the presence of my King and Savior. I'm so glad that He has given me His Spirit to live in me and to walk along side and give me encouragement. The LORD truly is our strength, our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our salvation and our stronghold. What an awesome God we serve!

**Dear LORD, You are our rock. We would have no hope except for You. You have given us Your all. Please help us to give You ours as well. In Jesus Name, Amen**