

1 & 2 Samuel Series

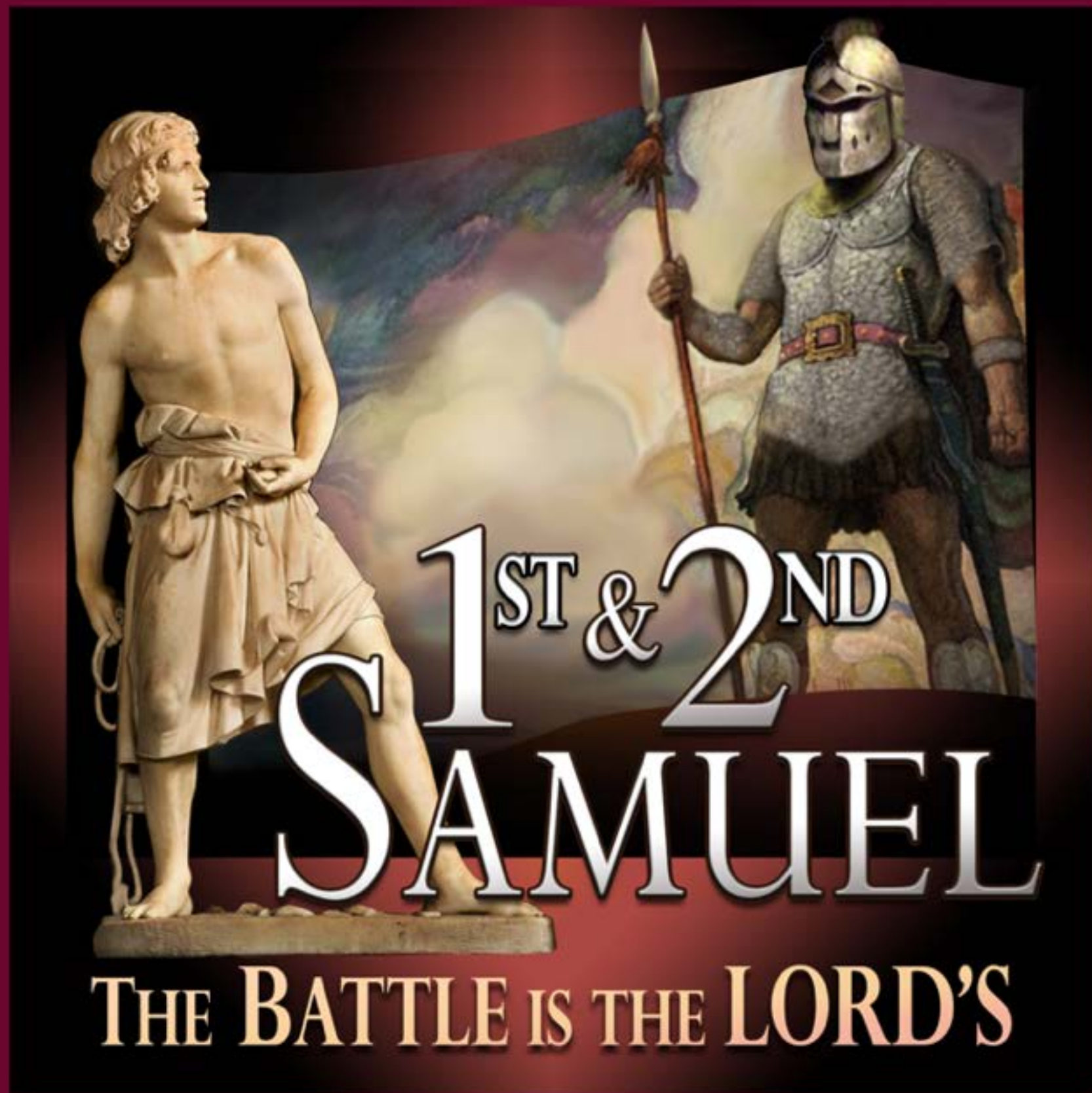
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GOD BLESSES THE RIGHTEOUS
PSALM 18:20–26

Psa. 18 Theme

The Psalmist expresses his gratitude, joy, and praise for the Lord's miraculous deliverance by explaining the circumstances of his distress and the merciful response of God to his pleas for deliverance.

Ps. 18:20–30: God is praised because He faithfully blesses those who are loyal to Him.

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**“Therefore the LORD has recompensed me
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According to the cleanness of my
hands in His sight.”**

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**גמל *gamal* qal
imperf 3 masc
sing
to deal with, or
recompense**

**שוב *shuv*
hif imperf 3
masc sing
to return**

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Psa. 15:0, “A Psalm of David.

2 Questions

Psa. 15:1,

**“LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?
Who may dwell in Your holy hill?**

**Psa. 15:2, “He who walks uprightly,
And works righteousness,
And speaks the truth in his heart;”**

**Psa. 66:18, “If I regard iniquity in my heart,
the Lord will not hear.”**

Psa. 18:22, “For all His judgments were before me, and I did not put away His statutes from me.

Psa. 18:23, “I was also blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity.”

James 4:8, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

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ἐγγίζω *eggizō*

pres act indic 3 sing

to bring near, come near; describes close physical proximity, or nearness in time

καθαρίζω

***katharizō* aor act**

impera 2 plur

to cleanse

ἁγνίζω *hagnizō*

aor act impera 2

plur to purify

Heb. 10:22, “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

προσέρχομαι

proserchomai

pres mid subj 1 plur

to come to

λούω *louō* perf

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to wash

completely; to

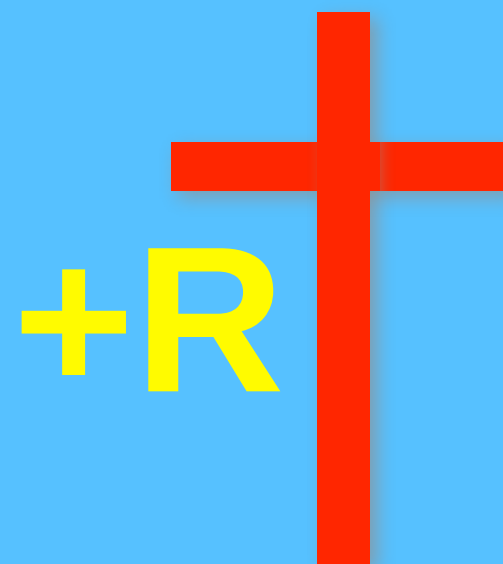
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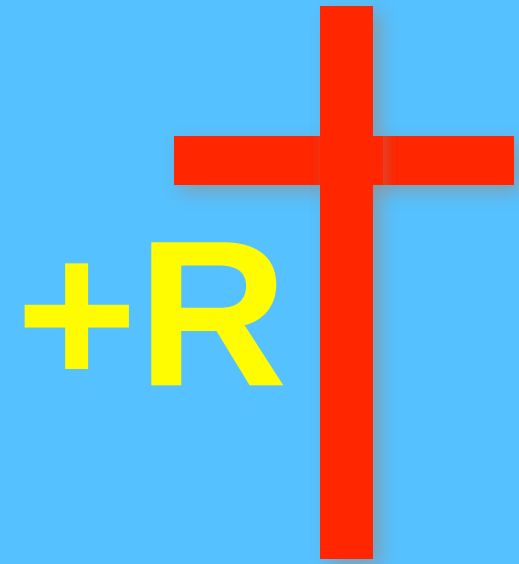


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Isaiah 64:6

**6 For all of us have
become like one who is
unclean,
And all our righteous
deeds are like a filthy
garment;**

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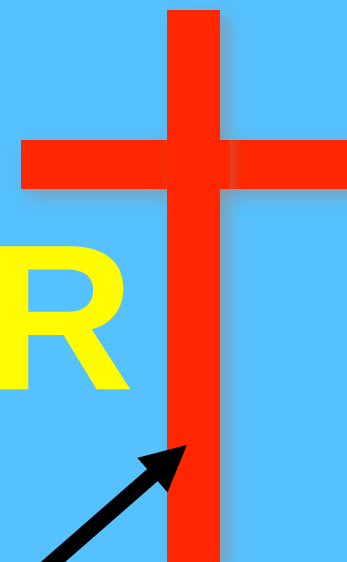
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2 Corinthians 5:21

21 He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

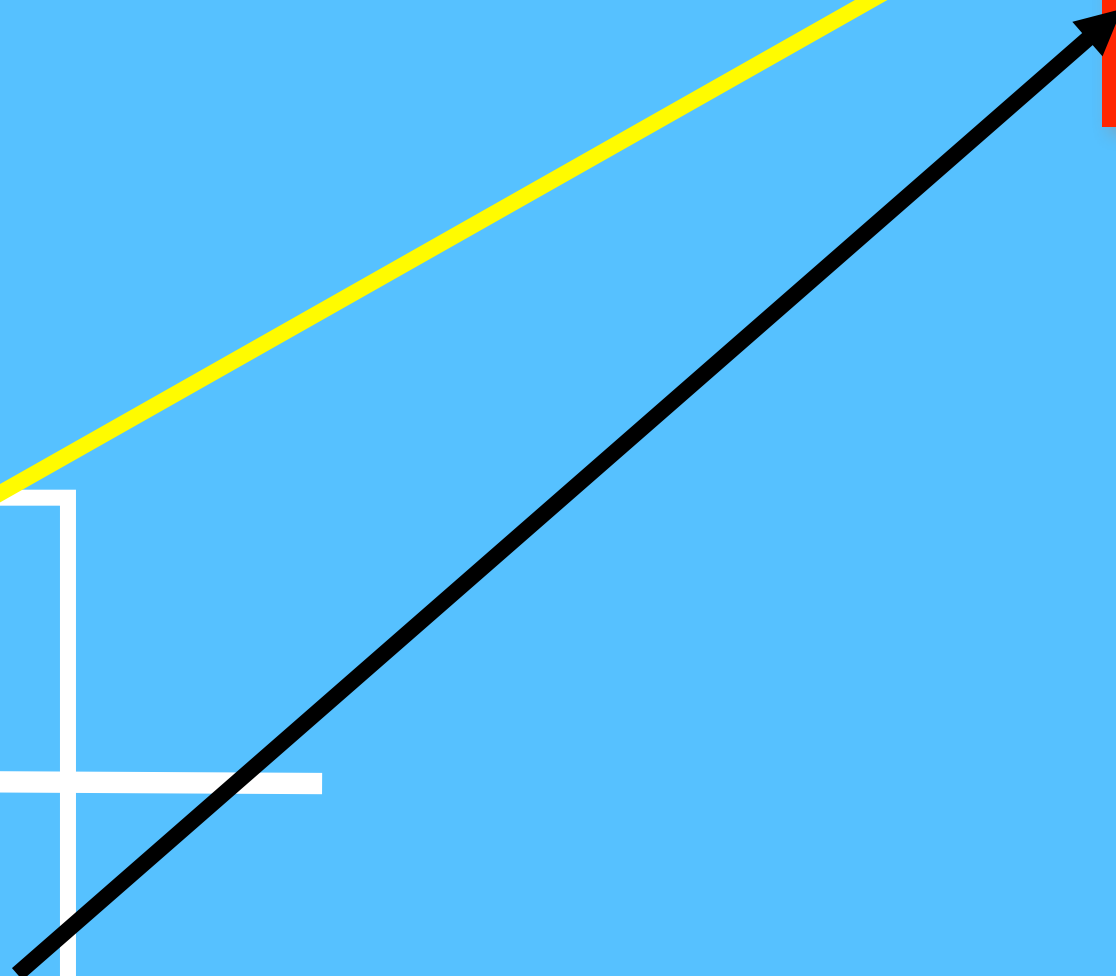
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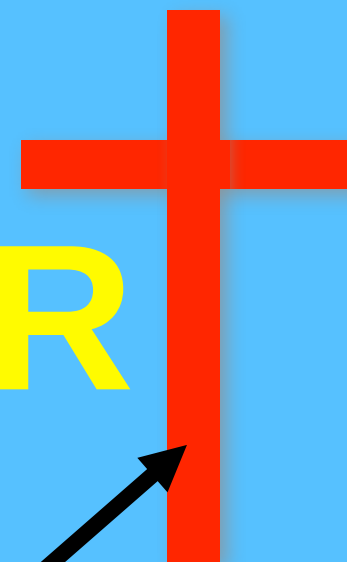
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**Declared
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Justified by
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1. Salvation is free; Rewards are earned!

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Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

Rom. 5:15, “But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.”

Rom. 5:17, “For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”

**Eph. 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves;
it [the ‘by grace through faith salvation’] is the gift of God,”**

2. Salvation is based on faith in the completed work of Christ on the Cross; Rewards are based on our spiritual growth by the Holy Spirit.

**3. Rewards and blessings occur in this life,
and in the next.**

**Blessings for time
Blessings for eternity**

4. Rewards are related to inheritance.
There are two kinds of inheritance, that which is for all believers, and that which is for obedient, spiritual growing believers, also known as disciples.

Heb. 6:12, “that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

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5. Rewards for eternity are distributed at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

2 Cor. 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

1 Cor. 3:12, “Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

1 Cor. 3:13, “each one’s work will become clear; for the day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.”

1 Cor. 3:14, “If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

1 Cor. 3:15, “If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”