

# The Benefits of a Relationship

## **Psalms 18:1-3**

### **Introduction:**

**Intimate Relationship** (with Christ) – is a close personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it is based on a detailed knowledge of who He is and results in our salvation and a close and everlasting union with Him.

*“Our relationship with God today comes from our close intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.”*

### **Relationship Benefits:**

#### **I. Our Strength v.1**

- a. David’s confession of love for God illustrated the closeness of his relationship
- b. God is a Believers Strength
- c. God is also our sustainer Isa 46:4
- d. He is our help in times of trouble Ps 46:1

#### **II. The 8 Images of Benefits v.2**

- a. **God is Our Rock** - God forever remains the same Mal 3:6
- b. **God is Our Fortress** – He is a place of safety for His Children
- c. **God is Our Deliverer** – He is the one who saves, the one who rescues, and the who delivers another from danger

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- d. **God is Our God** – He is God Almighty and is in control of all things
- e. **God is Our Strength** – He is all we need to make it in this life Isa 43:2
- f. **God is Our Shield** – There are times when the Lord steps between us and our trials and acts as our Shield
- g. **God is Our Horn of Salvation** – The Lord is the strength of Salvation and in His salvation we are absolutely secure
- h. **God is Our Stronghold** – God is our High Tower when the battles rage we can be lifted above our battles in Him remembering the battle is the Lords 1 Sam 17:47

### **III. Our Pledge to Always Call on the Lord v.3**

- a. David makes a pledge to call on the Lord and trust Him alone for the victories of life
- b. David's pledge is to walk by faith and not by sight!

***We must remember God is always “By Our Sides” and His Hands are always holding us...Now and forever! Amen.***