

“GOD RESCUES” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is our “*Rescuer*”. He is the One Who saves and delivers!

It comes from Psalm 18:16-17 "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; He drew me out of the deep waters. He *rescued* me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me."

Our encouragement from these two verses is that God, the Creator and Maker of our very being and souls, is the One Who reaches down from His heavenly throne to take hold of us and draws us out of deep waters, *rescuing* us. Think about this for a moment, the Heavenly Father Who created all things and rules over everything, "reaches down" for each one of us. He *actively pursues* us, reaching for us and then taking hold of us, draws us out of our deep waters. His love is so deep, so wide, so high for us that He *willingly* does this for us. Because He created us He knows exactly what we need and what our souls are crying out for. He knows the struggles we face that come from the enemy as well as our own sinful nature. He knows that the enemy and our own sinful nature are too strong for us, so when we cry out to Him, crying "Abba, Father", He reaches down and *Rescues* us, saving us and delivering us in His perfect way and timing. Earlier in this chapter (vs 6), David said "In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From His temple He heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears!" How beautiful to know that when we are struggling with something and we humble our hearts and cry out to God, our cries come right to His ears! Wow! God hears and listens, then He moves. There is no enemy too powerful, no foe too strong in our lives or our loved one's lives that God cannot crush. So, let us lift each other up before our Heavenly Father's ears and trust that He will reach down and take hold of us and draw us out of deep waters and *rescue* our hearts, souls and minds from the enemy for the glory of His name! Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts in unity and praise You for being our *Rescuer*! Lord, please reach down from on high and take hold of me and...

(names of those you are praying for)

Draw us out of deep waters. *Rescue* us from our powerful enemy, and from our foes, who are too strong for us. Lord, we believe You desire to do this for us for it is in Your Word. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Thank-you for loving us with an everlasting love and may it all be for the glory of Your name. In Your loving Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen."