

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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### **Enemies: Lord, help me**

**PSALM 18:3-6 NKJV** – (3) I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. (4) The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. (5) The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. <sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.

This is a very special psalm. It is so special that you will find it in two places in the Bible. It is in the Book of Psalms as written above. It is also in I the Book of Samuel. Samuel is in two parts. I Samuel tells the story of David before he became king of Israel. 2 Samuel tells us the story of David after he became king. 1 Samuel also tells us about the lives of Samuel the prophet and Saul the king. Why is Psalm 18 in the Book of Samuel? (2 Samuel 22) It is referenced because it is David's story, in his own words, of his life. In Psalms, it is told in six parts. This provides support and assistance to everyone reading it as six different psalms. Study David's life in this psalm as it is read, but read the entire psalm to understand the life of David. His life is shared again in 2 Samuel. David had many enemies, including Saul and the friends of Goliath and Cush. (Read about Cush in Psalm 7.) There were many other enemies, even David's own son Absalom. These enemies all wanted to kill David; he felt like a drowning man, destined for Sheol. This is why David asked God for help.

**ENEMY** - a person who is actively opposed or hostile to someone or something.

There are enemies and there are tests. An enemy *is not* one (enforcer) who comes to collect money because we were negligent about paying our bills.

Could your situation be a test?

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

PSALM 18:3-19

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" – Abraham Lincoln

