

## Sermon Notes—January 3, 2016!

### A New Year-The Same God

#### Psalm 18:2

This Present Darkness: We have an enemy!

Ephesians 6:12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

1 Peter 5:8 *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

David had an enemy

1 Samuel 16:14 *Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.*

David had a Mighty Deliverer

2 Samuel 22:1 *David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.*

Psalms & Psalm 18 Basics

Psalm 18 Outline

vs.1-3: Declaration of God's Character

vs. 4-45: Report of God's Deliverances

vs. 46-50: Praise & Thanksgiving

2016 Theme Memory Verse

Psalm 18:2 The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

- The LORD:
- is my Rock:
- Psalm 18:2 (continued)
- My Fortress:
- My Deliverer:
- My God is my Rock:
- In whom I take Refuge:
- He is my Shield:
- The Horn of my Salvation:
- My Stronghold:

### Personal Life Application

PERSONALIZE IT! Put your name in place of the pronouns or nouns used in Scripture

The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ rock, \_\_\_\_\_ fortress and \_\_\_\_\_ deliverer;

My God is \_\_\_\_\_ rock, in whom \_\_\_\_\_ takes refuge.

He is \_\_\_\_\_ shield and the horn of \_\_\_\_\_ salvation, \_\_\_\_\_ stronghold.

PRAY IT! Put Psalm 18:2 into the first person singular from you, turn it into a prayer, and pray it back to God

*Dear Lord, I believe today that you are my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; a place where I can always find protection and security. You are my Solid Rock and I choose to take refuge in you. I can flee to you anytime as a trusted place of safety when under spiritual attack. Lord, you are my shield who protects me from my enemy. You have the power & strength to save me from danger. I find security and safety right now as I trust in You. Amen.*

Piercing the Darkness: We have a Mighty Deliverer