

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

II SAMUEL 20:1-26, 22:1-51

Day 1 – Read II Samuel 20:1-26, 22:1-51 (II Samuel 21:15-22 was in Lesson 18; II Samuel 21:1-14 will be in Lesson 24.)

1. What part of the lecture on II Samuel 18:1 – 19:43 was most significant to you?

Day 2 – Review II Samuel 20:1-26

2. a. At this time, who do the men of Israel follow?

b. Who do the men of Judah follow?

3. What was Amasa's duty?

4. a. When Joab besieged Abel of Bethmaacah, with what argument did the wise woman confront him?

b. What agreement did they make?

5. a. Are you willing to cast out an evil part of your life to save the whole?

b. What do you find in these Scriptures concerning this?

(1) Matthew 5:29, 30

(2) Matthew 6:22, 23

(3) Matthew 18:7-9

(4) I Corinthians 5:6, 7

c. What do you think is the meaning behind the use of the words eye, hand, foot, and leaven in these Scriptures?

d. Pray that you will be aware when your eye, hand, or foot is causing you to sin and ask for strength to overcome the sin.

Day 3 – Review II Samuel 22:1-20. Chapters 21-24 form an appendix to II Samuel.

6. From verse 1, when was the psalm written? Psalm 18 is almost identical to these verses.

7. a. In verses 2-3, what expressions did David use to describe what God meant to him? See also Psalm 18:1, 2.

b. These expressions of praise are related to David's day-to-day existence in fleeing from Saul. What expressions could you use that describe places and things that give you peace?

8. In verses 5-6, how does David describe his trouble? See Psalm 18:4-5.

9. Where was God when He heard David's voice?

10. In verses 8-16, how does God respond to David's voice? See Psalm 18:7-15.

11. In verses 17-20:

- a. Where was David?
- b. To where did God deliver him?
- c. Why was David delivered? See Psalm 18:16-19.

Day 4 – Review II Samuel 22:21-30

12. What was the basis of God's deliverance of David? See Psalm 18:20-29.

13. David was a man after God's own heart. (I Samuel 13:14)

a. Which of the attributes you listed above most closely describe David in your mind? If you can, give a Scripture reference from what we have studied to verify your feeling.

b. Which of the attributes would you most like to have included if there was a similar list of your actions?

Day 5 – Review II Samuel 22:31-51

14. In this section, verses 31-46, David thanks God for the very personal help He has given him.

a. In verses 31-37, how did God prepare David for victory? See Psalm 18:30-36.

b. From verses 38-46, give the phrases that describe David's victories. See Psalm 18:37-45.

15. In this concluding section, verses 47-51, David again praises the Lord. How does David describe himself in verse 51? See Psalm 18:46-50.

16. Overview. Write a psalm using this one of David's in II Samuel 22/Psalm 18 as a pattern. Try to put aside any feelings of inadequacy in this task and allow the Holy Spirit to work. You may want to refer to your answer in question 7. Thoughts are important, not structure. Write one sentence under each heading. Others have found this experience very rewarding.

a. II Samuel 22:2-4 – Adoration and praise

b. II Samuel 22:5-20 – Supplication: description of need or request for help

c. II Samuel 22:21-30 – Confession: statement of your relationship to God

d. II Samuel 22:31-46 – Thanksgiving

e. II Samuel 22:47-51 – Conclusion

The following pattern of prayer has been found useful by many: “ACTS” – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication.