

THE BELIEVER'S CONFESSION OF FAITH

(Psalm 18:30)

"God never makes a mistake." This biblical truth is repeatedly affirmed in the Scriptures. Deuteronomy 32:4 says, *"A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He."* Daniel 9:14 states, *"For the LORD our God is righteous in everything that He does."* This same comforting truth is declared by David in Psalm 18:30 when he said, *"As for God, His way is perfect. The Word of the LORD proves true. He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him."* As we reflect on this encouraging statement of faith, we will learn this vital lesson: **When life is difficult and unsettling, we must confess our faith in our unfailing God and in His proven Word.** David's confession of faith teaches us three reassuring truths.

1. God's way is _____.

The way of God pertains to the manner by which He directs, controls and upholds all the affairs, events and actions of His creatures in accordance with His righteous purpose and His holy will and for the praise of His own glory (Psalm 18:30; 135:6; Acts 17:24-26). According to David, God's way of governing his life is perfect. From the womb to the grave, the way of the Lord is absolutely righteous and supremely good. Though his life is filled with painful trials, perpetual conflicts and perplexing adversities, David understands that there is no fault, no mistake, no error, no wrongdoing, no loose ends, no shortcoming and no failure in God's plans and purposes for the life of every true believer (Psalm 18:4-5, 17-18; 1 Samuel 18-24; 2 Samuel 15; 18:33; Psalm 77:13; 25:10; 145:17; Revelation 15:3; Jeremiah 29:11).

2. God's Word is _____.

As David looks back at God's dealings with him, he testifies that there's only one source of comfort and courage in times of crisis and tribulations - the Word of the LORD (Psalm 18:30). The Word of the LORD has been tried and tested over time and proved to be thoroughly pure, reliably true and entirely trustworthy (Psalm 12:6; 119:140). God's covenant promise to David is ultimately fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:20; John 14:1-3; Matthew 25:31-34).

3. God's people are _____.

David not only confesses that God has been his shield against all of his enemies (Psalm 18:30). He also celebrates the blessing of victory that God has granted him. This triumph is ultimately accomplished by our Lord Jesus who shielded us and conquered all the adversaries of our soul: sin, death and Satan (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). When we survey the whole course of our life in light of the victorious Cross of Christ, we will be able to confess our faith in our ever-faithful God who never fails to love us! (Romans 5:8; 8:37-39; Galatians 2:20)
