

# Rescued . . . Again

## Psalm 37:23-40

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**Lesson Text:** Psalm 37:23-40

**Key Verse:** Psalm 37:24 – “Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand.”

IT WAS REPORTED in the *The Cape Times* that a South African man surprised nine men robbing his home. Seven of the robbers ran away, but the home owner managed to shove two into the backyard pool. One of the robbers could not swim so the homeowner jumped in to save him. The rescued thief then pulled a knife and threatened the man who had saved him. Since they were still standing near the pool, the homeowner kicked the thief back into the pool. As the thief was gasping for air, the owner jumped back in to rescue him.

How many of us would rescue a second time? Before you answer, let me ask you another question. How many second times has God rescued you? We serve a God of second chances! Consider King David. He broke 8 of the 10 commandments and some of the 8 more than once. Did not break the first 2 of the 10. And yet, we read in Acts 13:22 – “. . . He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, **A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART**, who will do all My will.’”

What did God see in King David that was so great and so wonderful that He modeled the eternal Savior of the World and the Son of God after King David and gave the throne of King David as the place from where the Messiah will reign eternally? Three observations: **(1)** God can use sinners to do His perfect will. Yes, repentant sinners like King David. **(2)** God can look into the heart of men and see beyond their sins into their future dedication and faith and repentant and humble spirit and purify and forgive and use them. **(3)** King David could also look beyond his physical reality and stand on the promises that God gave him. Although the reality looked grim for a season, the promises of God looked brighter. If you are sinning don't give up on God. For sure, God is not giving up on you. As long as there is breath in our lungs, there is hope. God has high hopes for all of us and He does look into our hearts and when He sees love – He gives us faith and strength to keep going until we see the fulfillment of His promises for us.

Do you think about this when someone offends you again? Naturally, we want to write them off. But when we miss the mark and ask for God's help, what does God do? John tells us in 1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”. In other words, He rescues us . . . again!

**Do you need rescuing?**