

## Who Did That? God? A Person? Nature?

Psalm 18:1-19, 28-37, 43-50

- I. Introduction: "Because God made the world that way."
- II. Is it God or David who deserves praise for his close escapes and many victories?
  - A. David's skill, timing, and inner drive were all critical factors.
  - B. Yet David credits God for delivering him from his enemies and granting him victory.
  - C. Today's 'heroes' often solicit the praise and glory as giving them what they deserve.
  - D. David credits God for giving him his skill and guiding his execution of his battle moves.
- III. A key question: Must it be one or the other?
  - A. The secular worldview: Human skill or natural processes provide a complete explanation of what causes this or that to happen. Therefore, they give us the full story.
  - B. The religious worldview: God acts behind the scenes governing the actions of people and nature by his authoritative decrees.

Conclusion: The Lord lives! Exalted be God my Savior!