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**PSALM 144** [2 Samuel 17:29; 22] SEE: Rev 21:1-22:5; Psalm 18

Psalm 144 NKJV	His Characteristics resulting in My Application	Psalm 144 CEB
<p>Blessed <i>be</i> the Lord <b>my Rock</b>,            Who <b>trains</b> my hands for war,  <i>And</i> my fingers for battle—  <sup>2</sup> My <b>lovingkindness</b> and my <b>fortress</b>,            My <b>high tower</b> and my <b>deliverer</b>,            My <b>shield</b> and <i>the One</i> in whom I <b>take refuge</b>,            Who <b>subdues</b> <sup>[a]</sup>my people[the peoples] under me.  <sup>3</sup> Lord, what <i>is</i> man, that <b>You take knowledge of him</b>?  <i>Or</i> the son of man, that You are mindful of him?  <sup>4</sup> Man is like a breath;            His days <i>are</i> like a passing shadow.  <sup>5</sup> Bow down Your heavens, O Lord, and come down;            Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.  <sup>6</sup> Flash forth lightning and scatter them;            Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.  <sup>7</sup> Stretch out Your hand from above;            Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters,            From the hand of foreigners,</p>		<p>Bless the Lord, my rock,            who taught my hands how to fight,            who taught my fingers how to do battle!  <sup>2</sup> God is my loyal one, my fortress, my place of safety, my rescuer,            my shield, in whom I take refuge,            and the one who subdues people before me.  <sup>3</sup> What are human beings, Lord, that you know them at all?            What are human beings that you even consider them?  <sup>4</sup> Humans are like a puff of air; their days go by like a shadow.  <sup>5</sup> Lord, part your skies and come down!            Touch the mountains so they smoke!  <sup>6</sup> Flash lightning and scatter the enemy!            Shoot your arrows and defeat them!  <sup>7</sup> Stretch out your hand from above!            Rescue me and deliver me</p>

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<p><sup>8</sup> Whose mouth speaks <sup>[b]</sup>lying[empty, worthless] words,          And whose right hand <i>is</i> a right hand of falsehood.  <sup>9</sup> I will sing a new song to You, O God;          On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,  <sup>10</sup> <i>The One</i> who gives <sup>[c]</sup>salvation [deliverance] to kings,          Who delivers David His servant From the deadly sword.  <sup>11</sup> Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners,          Whose mouth speaks lying words,          And whose right hand <i>is</i> a right hand of falsehood—  <sup>12</sup> That our sons <i>may be</i> as plants grown up in their youth;  <i>That</i> our daughters <i>may be</i> as <sup>[d]</sup>pillars[corner pillars],          Sculptured in palace style;  <sup>13</sup> <i>That</i> our barns <i>may be</i> full,          Supplying all kinds of produce;  <i>That</i> our sheep may bring forth thousands          And ten thousands in our fields;  <sup>14</sup> <i>That</i> our oxen <i>may be</i> well laden;  <i>That there be</i> no <sup>[e]</sup>breaking[breach] in or going out;  <i>That there be</i> no outcry in our streets. [PEACE*siege warfare]  <sup>15</sup> Happy <i>are</i> the people who are in such a state;          Happy <i>are</i> the people whose God <i>is</i> the Lord!</p>	<p>from deep water,          from the power of strangers,          whose mouths speak lies,  <sup>8</sup> and whose strong hand is a strong hand of deception!  <sup>9</sup> I will sing a new song to you, God.          I will sing praises to you on a ten-stringed harp,  <sup>10</sup> to you—the one who gives saving help to rulers,          and who rescues his servant David from the evil sword.  <sup>11</sup> Rescue me and deliver me from the power of strangers,          whose mouths speak lies,          and whose strong hand is a strong hand of deception,  <sup>12</sup> so that <sup>[a]</sup>our sons can grow up fully, in their youth, like plants;          so that our daughters can be like pillars carved to decorate a palace;  <sup>13</sup> so that our barns can be full, providing all kinds of food;          so that our flocks can be in the thousands—          even tens of thousands—in our fields;  <sup>14</sup> so that our cattle can be loaded with calves;          so that there won't be any breach in the walls,          no exile, no outcries in our streets! <b>[PEACE]</b>  <sup>15</sup> The people who have it like this are truly happy!          The people whose God is the Lord are truly happy!</p>
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**PSALM 21** [2 Samuel 10:19]

Psalm NKJV	His Characteristics resulting in My Application	Psalm CEB
<p><i>To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.</i></p> <p>21 The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!</p> <p><sup>2</sup> You have given him his heart's desire, And have not withheld the request of his lips. <i>Selah</i></p> <p><sup>3</sup> For You meet him with the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of pure gold upon his head.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> He asked life from You, <i>and</i> You gave <i>it</i> to him— Length of days forever and ever.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> His glory <i>is</i> great in Your salvation; Honor and majesty You have placed upon him.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> For You have made him most blessed forever; [Messianic?] You have made him <sup>[a]</sup>exceedingly glad[joyful with gladness] with Your presence.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> For the king trusts in the Lord, And through the mercy of the</p>		<p><i>For the music leader. A psalm of David.</i></p> <p><b>21</b> The king celebrates your strength, Lord; look how happy he is about your saving help!</p> <p><sup>2</sup> You've given him what his heart desires; you haven't denied what his lips requested. <i>Selah</i></p> <p><sup>3</sup> You bring rich blessings right to him; you put a crown of pure gold on his head.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> He asked you for life, and you gave it to him, all right— long days, forever and always!</p> <p><sup>5</sup> The king's reputation is great because of your saving help; you've conferred on him glory and grandeur.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> You grant him blessings forever; you make him happy with the joy of your presence.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Because the king trusts the Lord,</p>

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<p>Most High he shall not be <sup>[b]</sup>moved[shaken].</p> <p><sup>8</sup>Your hand will find all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You.</p> <p><sup>9</sup>You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger; The Lord shall swallow them up in His wrath, And the fire shall devour them.</p> <p><sup>10</sup>Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth, And their <sup>[c]</sup>descendants[seed] from among the sons of men.</p> <p><sup>11</sup>For they intended evil against You; They devised a plot <i>which</i> they are not able <i>to perform</i>.</p> <p><sup>12</sup>Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready <i>Your arrows</i> on Your string toward their faces.</p> <p><sup>13</sup>Be exalted, O Lord, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.</p>		<p>and because of the Most High's faithful love, he will not stumble.</p> <p><sup>8</sup>Your hand will catch all your enemies; your strong hand will catch all who hate you.</p> <p><sup>9</sup>When you appear, Lord, you will light them up like an oven on fire. God will eat them whole in his anger; fire will devour them.</p> <p><sup>10</sup>You will destroy their offspring from the land; destroy their descendants from the human race.</p> <p><sup>11</sup>Because they sought to do you harm, they devised a wicked plan—but they will fail!</p> <p><sup>12</sup>Because you will make them turn and run when you aim your bow straight at their faces!</p> <p><sup>13</sup>Be exalted, Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power!</p>
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**PSALM 20** [2 Samuel 10:19]

<b>Psalm</b> NKJV	<b>His Characteristics</b> resulting in My Application	<b>Psalm</b> CEB
<p>May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble;            May the name of the God of Jacob <sup>1a</sup>defend you;  <sup>2</sup> May He send you help from the sanctuary,            And strengthen you out of Zion;  <sup>3</sup> May He remember all your offerings,            And accept your burnt sacrifice. <i>Selah</i>  <sup>4</sup> May He grant you according to your heart's <i>desire</i>,            And fulfill all your <sup>1b</sup>purpose.  <sup>5</sup> We will rejoice in your salvation,            And in the name of our God we will set up <i>our</i> banners!            May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.  <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord saves His <sup>1c</sup>anointed;            He will answer him from His holy heaven            With the saving strength of His right hand.</p>		<p>I pray that the Lord answers you, whenever you are in trouble. Let the name of Jacob's God protect you.  <sup>2</sup> Let God send help to you from the sanctuary            and support you from Zion.  <sup>3</sup> Let God recall your many grain offerings;            let him savor your entirely burned offerings. <i>Selah</i>  <sup>4</sup> Let God grant what is in your heart and fulfill all your plans.  <sup>5</sup> Then we will rejoice that you've been helped.            We will fly our flags in the name of our God.            Let the Lord fulfill all your requests!  <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed one; God answers his anointed one from his heavenly sanctuary, answering with mighty acts of salvation            achieved by his strong hand.  <sup>7</sup> Some people trust in chariots, others in horses;</p>

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<p><sup>7</sup> Some <i>trust</i> in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God. <sup>8</sup> They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright. <sup>9</sup> Save, Lord! May the King answer us when we call.</p>		<p>but we praise the Lord's name. <sup>8</sup> They will collapse and fall, but we will stand up straight and strong. <sup>9</sup> Lord, save the king! Let him answer us when we cry out!</p>
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**PSALM 61** [[1Ch 28:21](#)]

Psalm NKJV	His Characteristics resulting in My Application	Psalm CEB
<p>To the Chief Musician. On a stringed [Neginah]instrument]. A Psalm of David.</p> <p>61 Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> I will abide in Your tabernacle[tent] forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. <i>Selah</i></p> <p><sup>5</sup> For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given <i>me</i> the heritage of those who fear Your name.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> You will prolong the king's life, His years as many generations.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, <i>which</i> may <sup>[c]</sup>preserve[guard, keep] him!</p> <p><sup>8</sup> So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may daily perform my vows.</p>		<p><b>61</b> God, listen to my cry; pay attention to my prayer!</p> <p><sup>2</sup> When my heart is weak, I cry out to you from the very ends of the earth. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I am <sup>3</sup> because you have been my refuge, a tower of strength in the face of the enemy.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Please let me live in your tent forever! Please let me take refuge in the shelter of your wings! <i>Selah</i></p> <p><sup>5</sup> Because you, God, have heard my promises; you've given me<sup>[a]</sup> [Hebrew lacks me] the same possession as those who honor your name.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> Add days to the king's life! Let his years extend for many generations!</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Let him be enthroned forever before God! Make it so love and faithfulness watch over him!</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Then I will sing praises to your name forever, and I will do what I promised every single day.</p>

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**PSALM 101** [[1Ch 28:21](#)]

Psalm NKJV	His Characteristics resulting in My Application	Psalm CEB
<p>I will sing of mercy and justice;            To You, O Lord, I will sing praises.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> I will behave wisely in a <sup>Ⓛ</sup>perfect way.            Oh, when will You come to me?            I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> I will set nothing <sup>Ⓛ</sup>wicked before my eyes;            I hate the work of those who fall away;            It shall not cling to me.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor,            Him I will destroy;            The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> My eyes <i>shall be</i> on the faithful of the land, That they may dwell with me;            He who walks in a <sup>Ⓛ</sup>perfect way,</p>		<p>Oh, let me sing about faithful love and justice!            I want to sing my praises to you, Lord!</p> <p><sup>2</sup> I want to study the way of integrity—            how long before it gets here?            I will walk with a heart of integrity            in my own house.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> I won't set my eyes on anything worthless.            I hate wrongdoing;            none of that will stick to me.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> A corrupt heart will be far from me.            I won't be familiar with evil.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> I will destroy anyone who secretly tells lies about a neighbor.            I can't stomach anyone who has proud eyes or an arrogant heart.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> My eyes focus on those who are faithful in the land, to have them close to me.</p>

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<p>He shall serve me.  <sup>7</sup> He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house;          He who tells lies shall not <sup>lit</sup>continue in my presence.  <sup>8</sup> Early I will destroy all the wicked of the land, That I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the Lord.</p> <p><i>Footnotes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Psalm 101:2</a> <i>blameless</i></li> <li>b. <a href="#">Psalm 101:3</a> <i>worthless</i></li> <li>c. <a href="#">Psalm 101:6</a> <i>blameless</i></li> <li>d. <a href="#">Psalm 101:7</a> <i>Lit. be established</i></li> </ul>		<p>The person who walks without blame          will work for me.  <sup>7</sup> But the person who acts deceitfully          won't stay in my house.          The person who tells lies          won't last for long before me.  <sup>8</sup> Every morning I will destroy all those who are wicked in the land          in order to eliminate all evildoers          from the Lord's city.</p>
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