



## *Raise a Hallelujah* *Day 2: Verse 2*

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me

### *Scripture Reference*

You, Lord, are my lamp;  
the Lord turns my darkness into light.  
With your help I can advance against a troop;  
with my God I can scale a wall.

– *2 Samuel 22: 29–30*



2 Samuel 22 appears very similarly as Psalm 18. It is thought that the psalm was originally penned once David had won victory over Saul, and that he later re-sung it as he looked over the magnitude of his life and God's hand in it. Recognizing God shows up throughout our life, not just once, can have a profound impact on our ability to raise a hallelujah with everything inside of us.

*How have you seen God's presence throughout your life? Take a moment to deeply think through your childhood, your early adulthood, your parenting phase, and even your later years if you are there already. Recall the blessings you ended yesterday praising God for. Take time to fully recognize specific examples of God's goodness in those phases of life and praise Him for that.*

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The Lord turns our darkness into light. He makes the darkness flee. Light can bring many different benefits. Once such benefit, though, which seems to apply to our song this week is that light can bring clarity. What once could not be understood in the midst of darkness, can be more easily seen in the light. God can shed that clarity in our mysteries. Better yet, He wants to! If only we let Him.

*Do you seek your clarity from the Lord? If so, how has that brought you comfort? Or do you instead rely on your own understandings? Why do you think you seek clarity elsewhere?*

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With God's help we can advance against a troop or scale a wall. Advancing among troops or attempting to scale a wall both sound like frightening endeavors, don't they? With God, though, fear loses its hold on us, as our song states. Once we let go of fear, we can accomplish much more than we ever thought possible – and more fully raise a hallelujah.

*In what areas of your life are you letting fear hold onto you? Where have you given Satan permission (either intentionally or unintentionally) to control you? What challenges have you avoided because of fear that may have been used for God's glory? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you overcome your fears.*

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I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me. With everything inside of me. Maybe that seems like a challenge for you today. Maybe there still feels like too much darkness around you or maybe too much fear inside of you. That's ok – God can help you overcome that, even when you aren't ready to raise a hallelujah with everything inside of you. He doesn't measure us based upon our level of praise.

*If you're feeling like your hallelujah is a bit inadequate today, speak that your Lord. Pray He would fill you with an excitement for Him. Ask Him to make the darkness flee and fear to lose its grip on you. No matter what your hallelujah level is today, take some time to actively choose to just praise God...for His goodness, His provisions, His blessings...it's up to you and your God. Let Him speak into your life.*

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