

Psalm 144 A Psalm of David

The LORD is my strength and my deliverer

¹⁻² Hello, I am David, King of Israel. I want to say from the start that the LORD is great, and He deserves my highest praise. I take refuge in His precious name, and He is my place of security. You see, He is my shield, my protector, and my deliverer. I am responsible to protect the people of my kingdom, and the LORD has shown His tender love and kindness toward me by training me to be the best soldier and military leader I can possibly be. Although we fight our enemies valiantly and wisely, it is the LORD who subdues people under me.

³⁻⁴ O LORD, man is on the scene for such a very, very short time, and then he is gone. What is there about him that would make You want to regard him as having any value worth pursuing?

The LORD has the power to subdue my enemies

⁵⁻⁶ O LORD, please muster the forces of heaven, and come down to help us. Light up the sky with flashes of lightning, one after another in quick succession causing the mountains to smoke from the heat of them. Cause Your lightning strikes to scare my enemy so badly that they will turn and run for fear of their lives. ⁷ Yes, reach down from heaven, and rescue me from the enemy's advances. ⁸ Deliver me from the hordes of my enemies who lie about me and seem unable to tell the truth because they are consumed with lying.

The LORD has actually subdued my enemies

⁹⁻¹⁰ I will sing a new song to the LORD accompanied by the music of stringed instruments because He did for me what I asked. He has rescued me from the deadly weapons of evil men. ¹¹ He mustered the forces of heaven, and they came down to help my people and me. He caused the sky to light up with flashes of lightning one after another in quick succession causing the mountains to smoke from the heat of them. He caused those lightning strikes to scare the enemy so badly that they turned and ran for fear of their lives. Yes, He reached down from heaven, and rescued me from the enemy's advances. He delivered me from the hordes of aliens who had lied about me and seemed unable to tell the truth because they were consumed with lying.

The LORD will bless our people (possibly referring to the millennium)

¹² LORD, You have rescued us so please cause our sons to grow to maturity and our daughters to grow up to be beautiful, polished women fit for service in the palace. ¹³ Cause our storehouses¹ (pantries) to be fully stocked, and furnish us with large volumes of every kind of produce. Cause our flocks to multiply until there are tens of thousands of them on our fields, and ¹⁴ cause our cattle to bear calves without a single miscarriage or infertility. In addition, cause life to be so sweet for our people that no one will feel distressed or feel a need to complain about the way You have treated them! ¹⁵ Any populace who are privileged to experience these kinds of blessings will be a happy people indeed. More importantly, happy are the people whose God is the LORD. This kind of blessing may not happen to people before Christ's return, but they will certainly experience such blessings in the millennial kingdom.

¹ Definition of "garner," www.dictionary.com/browse/garner