

Sermon Title: From the Heart, Part XXI 7.12.2026

Themes: The power of God and the posture of His people. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Focus Question: How's your spiritual posture?

Sermon Points: Psalm 18:20-50

1. Integrity still matters.

David references clean hands and uprightness (vs. 20–24). Perfection is not the point; sincerity is. A life aligned with God carries spiritual authority. Spiritual compromise weakens confidence before God.

2. God responds to the posture *you* choose.

Psalm 18:25-27. Hardened hearts experience God differently than humble hearts. Pride distorts spiritual vision, and God responds accordingly, as we see in how the Lord responded to Saul and David during their respective reigns. We also see this in how Jesus responded to repentant sinners versus arrogant Pharisees. **Luke 18:9–14.** God specializes in lifting the humble. God is not impressed with self-exaltation. Pride may get noticed more quickly, but humility receives the better reward because it has a more enduring relationship with the Lord. How's *your* heart?

3. God's light is the brightest.

God does not merely overcome the darkness. He illuminates the path for His people from the light of His love and truth. **For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness. (v. 28)** God's goal is not just changing our circumstances. He transforms the inner man. A God-lit soul can walk through dark seasons without losing hope.

4. Spiritual victory requires divine power.

God always wins, and by His grace He allows us to join the battle cry *and* the victory parade! David says God trains his hands for war and strengthens him for battle (vs. 32–34). Faith is not passivity. God empowers people who are willing to fight spiritually, emotionally, and practically.

5. Your testimony is meant for others.

David declared praise among the nations (v. 49). God saves us *from* something, but He also saves us *for* something. Saved people become sent people. Your deliverance was meant to become someone else's hope. The miracle isn't just that God saved you—it's that He wants to use you. The gospel travels best along the roads of personal testimony. Revival spreads when redeemed people start telling redeemed stories. Every testimony is a torch, every redeemed life is a witness, and every act of grace is an invitation for someone else to come home to God.

Reflection: Lord, grant me the wisdom to seek You and praise You throughout my life.