

Psalm 18:4-19

- ⁴ The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;
- ⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.
- ⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.
- ⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.
- ⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.
- ⁹ He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.
- ¹⁰ He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.
- ¹¹ He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,
thick clouds dark with water.
- ¹² Out of the brightness before him
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.
- ¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.
- ¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.
- ¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen,
and the foundations of the world were laid bare
at your rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
- ¹⁶ He sent from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.
- ¹⁷ He rescued me from my strong enemy
and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.

- ¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
but the LORD was my support.
- ¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.