

Good morning! Pam and I were driving in Fairfax one night, many years ago. It was dark and as we started off at a traffic signal, a young driver ran the red light and shot out in front of us. I swerved to miss him and our car went into a spin. We turned 180 degrees, went up on two wheels and then landed in the lane of oncoming traffic, blowing out two tires in the process. In God's providence, no cars were coming and the owner of a gas station was just driving by, headed home for the night. He took us to his closed station, opened it up and repaired our tires, and then took us back to our car. Later, after we had returned to our little one bedroom apartment in Annandale, Pam and I sang songs in the night. Have you ever had a close call like that? Most of us have. As Churchill famously said, "There is nothing as exhilarating as getting shot at without result". When God delivers us we learn something about Him! This morning, let's consider God's deliverance as we read today's passage:

Reach down from heaven and rescue me; rescue me from deep waters, from the power of my enemies ... I will sing a new song to you, O God!

Psalm 144:7, 9a

In today's passage, the psalmist cries out to God for deliverance from trouble and then he says, "I will sing a new song to you, O God!" Have you ever noticed how many times the writers in the Book of Psalms speak about singing a new song? Derek Prince commented that "Every new deliverance calls forth a new song." As you and I go through life, we find ourselves in trouble. It may be a health issue, a relational issue, a financial issue. Whatever it is, we know that if God doesn't intervene, we're going to be sunk. We call out to God and He intervenes, delivering us in our situation. Out of that deliverance, we find a new song. We learn something new about God. We find new depth in our experience of Him and to give expression to that new understanding, the Holy Spirit gives us a new song. Sometimes it's a song in a language we know; sometimes it might even be a song in an unknown language.

We experience a time of need, followed by a time of deliverance and that

deliverance brings us a new and fresh song of revelation, praise, and worship. Sometimes it's literally a new song---we find ourselves singing out loud to Him. Sometimes it's an internal song, a new way of thinking about God and His marvelous grace. This morning you may be in trouble, calling out to God for rescue. When He delivers you, let me encourage you to allow yourself the freedom to sing your new song. Sing to God about faith, revelation and praise. You'll grow in your faith...and God likes it!