

Psalm 68:18-20

*You ascended on high,
leading a host of captives in your train and receiving
gifts among men, even among the rebellious,
that the LORD God may dwell there.
Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation. Selah
Our God is a God of salvation,
and to GOD, the Lord,
belong deliverances from death.*

The ascension of Christ must here be meant, and thereto it is applied, Eph_4:8. He received as the purchase of his death, the gifts needful for the conversion of sinners, and the salvation of believers. These he continually bestows, even on rebellious men, that the Lord God might dwell among them, as their Friend and Father. He gave gifts to men. Having received power to give eternal life, the Lord Jesus bestows it on as many as were given him, Joh_17:2. Christ came to a rebellious world, not to condemn it, but that through him it might be saved. The glory of Zion's King is, that he is a Saviour and Benefactor to all his willing people, and a consuming fire to all that persist in rebellion against him. So many, so weighty are the gifts of God's bounty, that he may be truly said to load us with them. He will not put us off with present things for a portion, but will be the God of our salvation. The Lord Jesus has authority and power to rescue his people from the dominion of death, by taking away the sting of it from them when they die, and giving them complete victory over it when they rise again. The crown of the head, the chief pride and glory of the enemy, shall be smitten; Christ shall crush the head of the serpent.

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