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# Scripture Reading

## 2 Samuel 22:17-20

<sup>17</sup> “He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. <sup>18</sup> He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. <sup>19</sup> They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. <sup>20</sup> He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.”

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## 2 Samuel 22:17-20

- ❖ “He rescued me because he delighted in me.” (2 Samuel 22:20)
- ❖ Many grown-ups find it impossible to believe that God could delight in them.

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**God through the Eyes of Children**

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Dear God,  
If you watch me in church on Sunday,  
I'll show you my new shoes.  
-Michael

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Dear God,  
I think about You sometimes even when  
I'm not praying.  
-Billie

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Dear God,  
I think the stapler is one of your  
greatest inventions.  
-Ruthie

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Dear God,  
Did you mean for the giraffe to look  
like that or was it an accident?  
-Emma

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Dear God,  
I didn't think orange went with purple  
until I saw the sunset you made on  
Tuesday. That was cool!  
-Freddie

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Dear God,  
Do you know when I'm bad or good? Or  
is that just Santa Claus?  
-Caitlyn

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Dear God,  
Do you listen to my prayers every  
night? Do you really know when I only  
pretend to brush my teeth? Don't tell  
Mommy, O.K.?  
-Danny

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Dear God,  
I went to this wedding and they kissed  
right in church. Is that okay?  
-Neil

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Dear God,  
I read the Bible. What does begat  
mean? Nobody will tell me.  
-Alison

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Dear God,  
I bet it is very hard for You to love all  
of everybody in the whole world. There  
are only 4 people in our family and I can  
never do it.  
-Susan

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Dear God,  
Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.  
-Larry

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Dear God,  
My brother is a rat. You should give him  
a tail. Ha ha!  
-Bobby

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Dear God,  
Thank you for the baby brother, but  
what I prayed for was a puppy.  
-Jenny

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## God through the Eyes of Children

- ❖ Lots of folks prefer the “dog” to the “baby,” but the Baby is what we need!
- ❖ Like a good Father, God gives us what we need first, and then he gives us some of our wants.

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- ❖ **“Pleased as man with men to dwell.  
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- ❖ **God is more excited about Christmas  
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- ❖ He comes in majesty to capture our attention. (8-9)

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- ❖ **He gives us a messiah that removes our sin. (11-12)**

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- ❖ He allows us to experience heavenly **praise.** (13-14a)
- ❖ He allows us to experience heavenly **peace.** (14b)

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**God delights in STIRRING us. (2:15-20)**



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- ❖ He wants us to chew on it for ourselves. (19-20)

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# CONCLUSION

## *Mortal Lessons by Richard Selzer*

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❖ **“He rescued me because he delighted in me.”** (2 Samuel 22:20)

❖ **“He stoops down to make me great.”**  
(2 Samuel 22:36)

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- ❖ **God is more excited about Christmas than we are.**
- ❖ **God's delight at Christmas is you!**

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