

*"Psalms
We Sing"*

God Save the King Psalm 18

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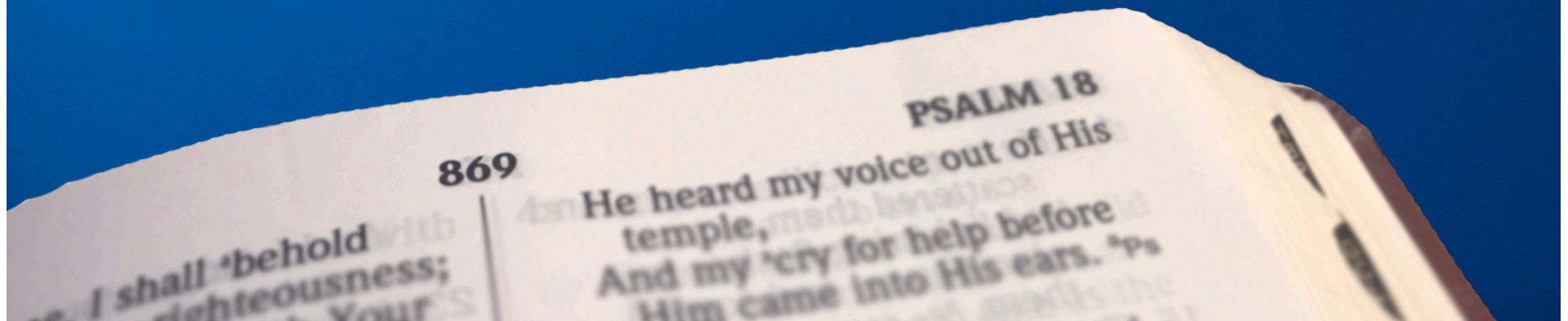
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And my cry for help before
Him came into His ears. *Ps

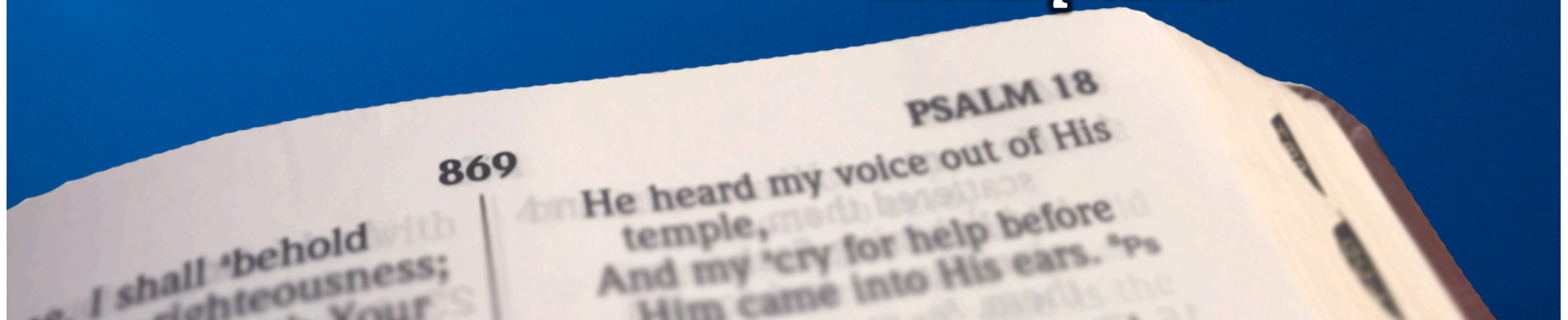
Psalms are poetry ...

- ❖ Addressed to the mind through the heart.
- ❖ Intended to appeal to the emotions.
- ❖ Used vocabulary that is metaphorical.



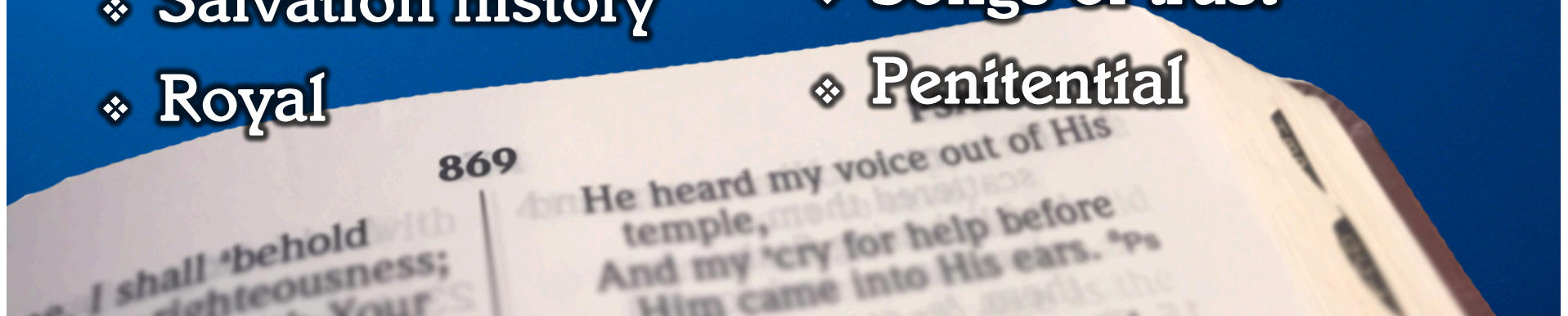
Tools for reading the Psalms:

- ❖ Look for the type.
- ❖ Look for the form.
- ❖ Look for the function.
- ❖ Look for the pattern.
- ❖ Read each Psalm as a separate literary unit.



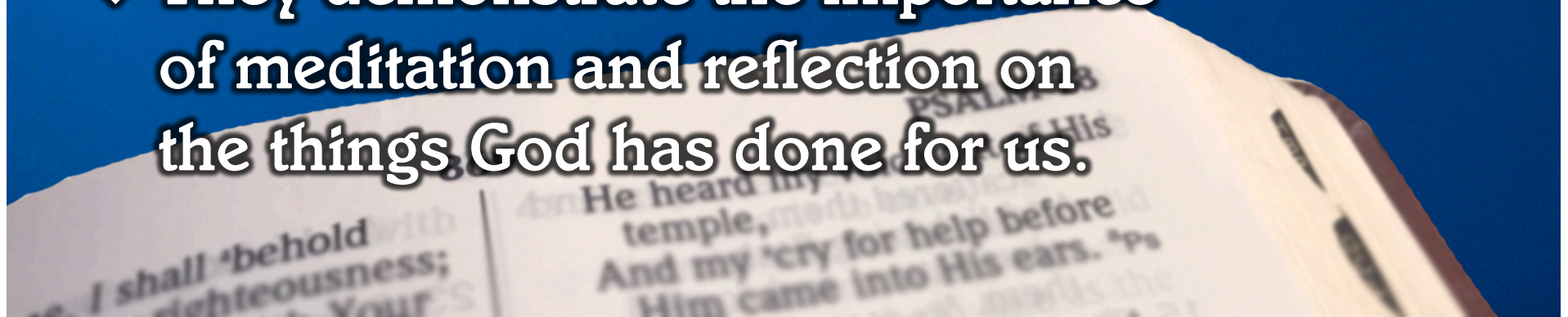
Types of Psalms:

- ❖ Laments
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Hymns of praise
- ❖ Salvation history
- ❖ Royal
- ❖ Celebration and affirmation
- ❖ Wisdom
- ❖ Songs of trust
- ❖ Penitential



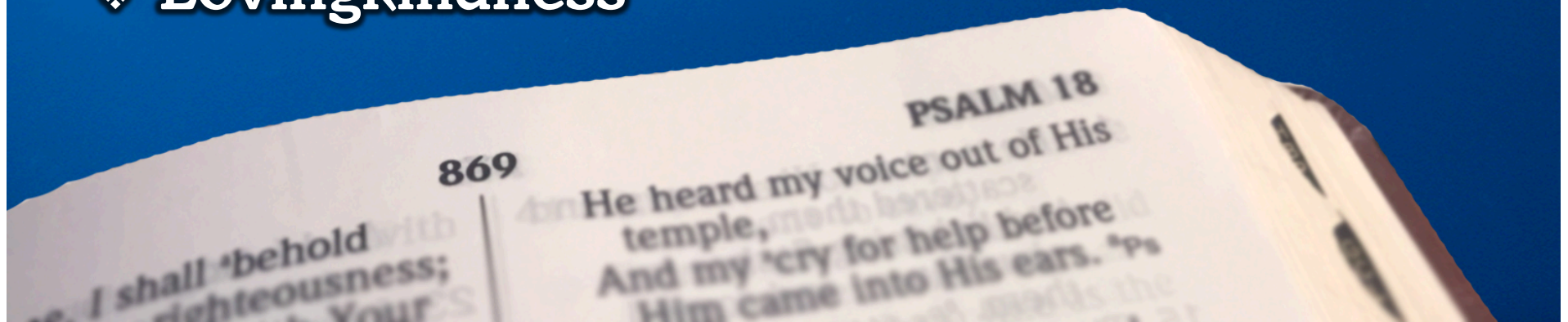
Value of Psalms:

- ❖ They are a guide to worship.
- ❖ They show us how to relate honestly to God.
- ❖ They demonstrate the importance of meditation and reflection on the things God has done for us.



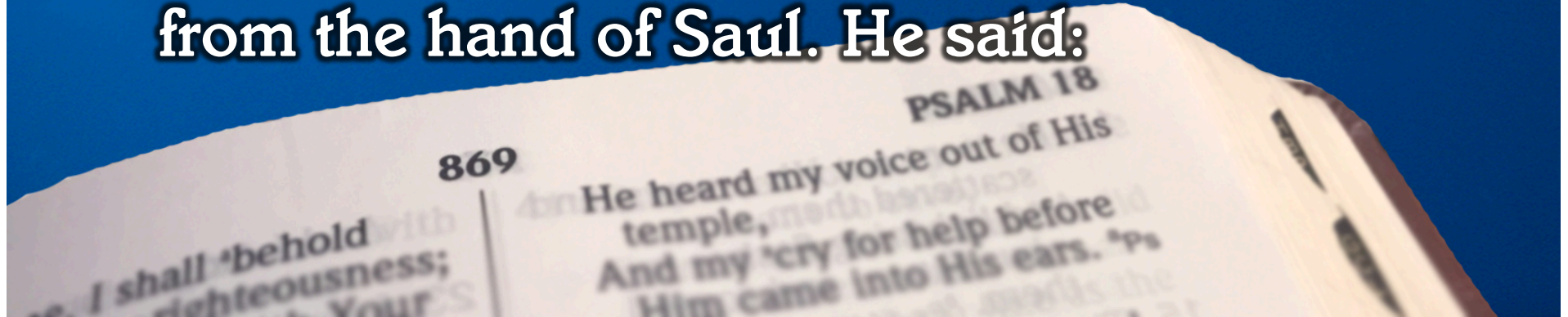
Hesed =

- ❖ Unfailing love
(Psalm 51, Psalm 18:50)
- ❖ Mercy
- ❖ Lovingkindness
- ❖ Grace
- ❖ Compassion
- ❖ Love



Psalm 18

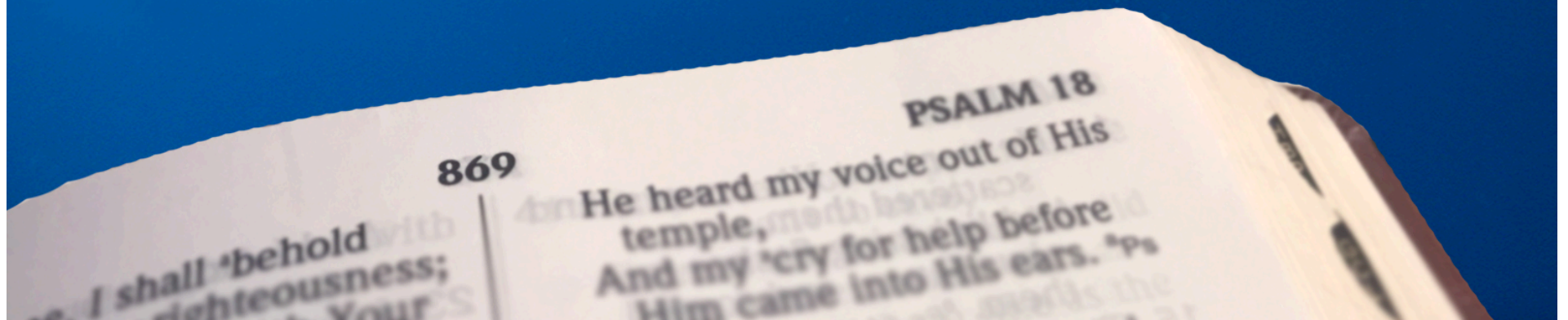
For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD. He sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:



Psalm 18:1-2

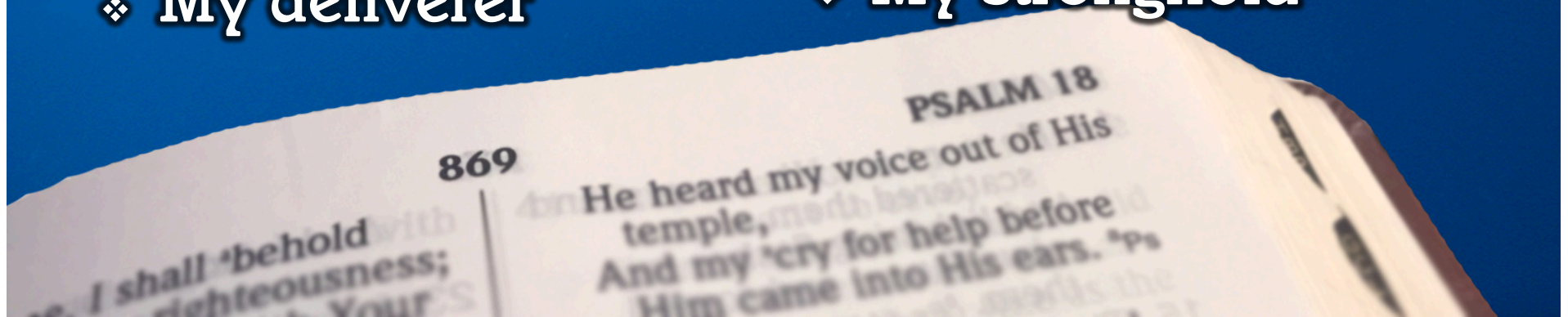
I love you, LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.



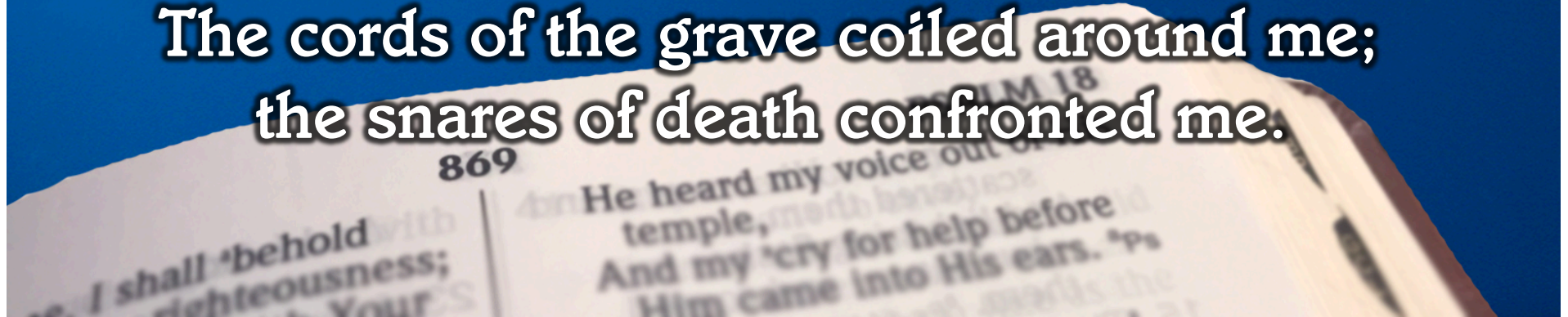
The LORD =

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- ❖ The horn of my salvation
- ❖ My stronghold



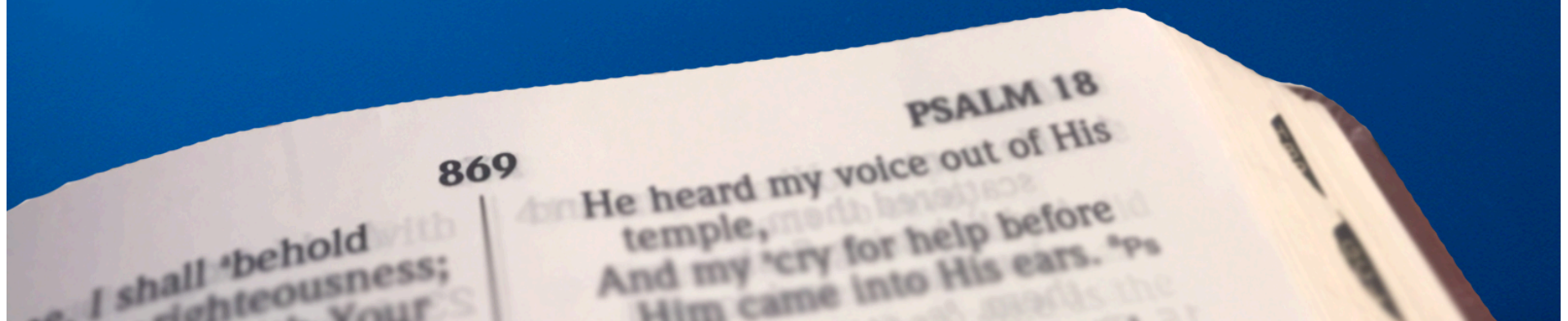
Psalm 18:3-5

I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
and I have been saved from my enemies.
The cords of death entangled me;
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.
The cords of the grave coiled around me;
the snares of death confronted me.



Psalm 18:6

In my distress I called to the LORD;
I cried to my God for help.
From his temple he heard my voice;
my cry came before him, into his ears.



Psalm 18:7-8

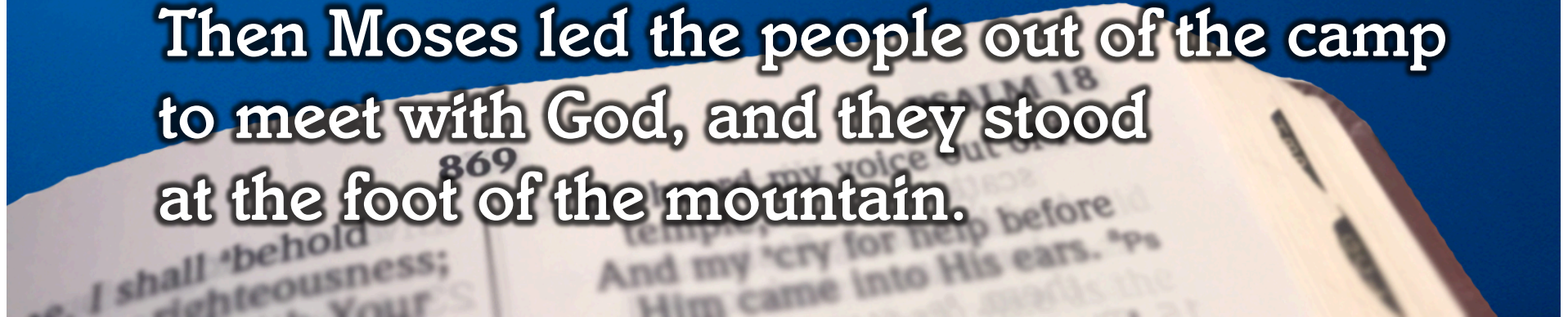
The earth trembled and quaked,
and the foundations of the mountains shook;
they trembled because he was angry.
Smoke rose from his nostrils;
consuming fire came from his mouth,
burning coals blazed out of it.



Exodus 19:16-17

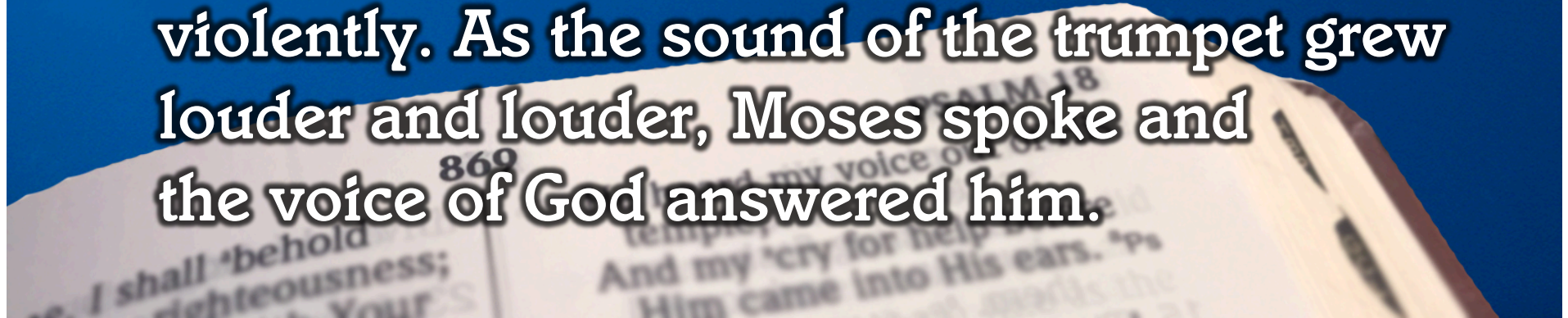
On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.



Exodus 19:18-19

Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

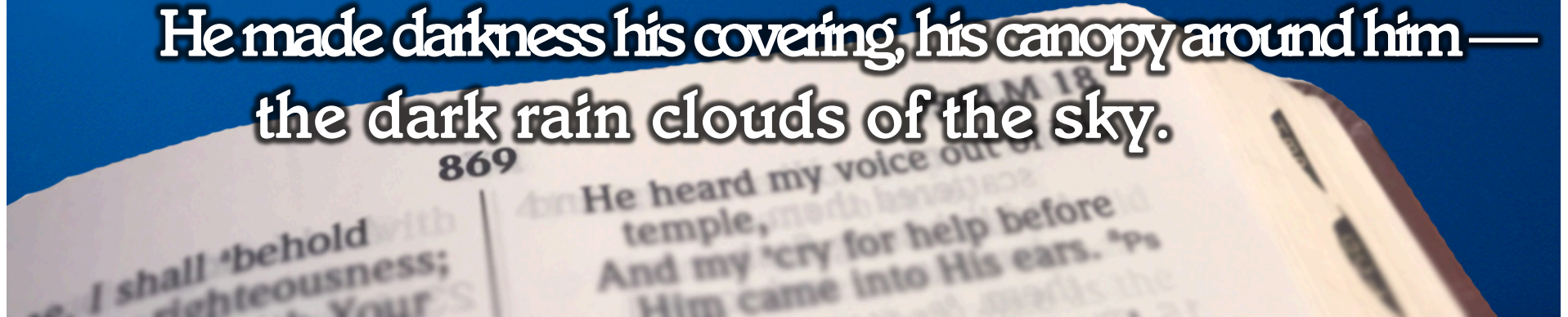


Psalm 18:9-11

He parted the heavens and came down;
dark clouds were under his feet.

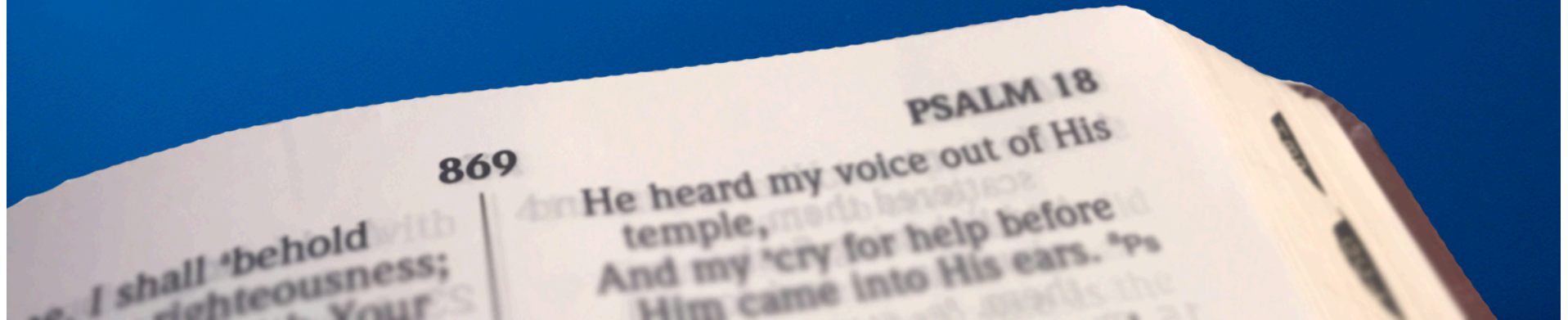
He mounted the cherubim and flew;
he soared on the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him—
the dark rain clouds of the sky.



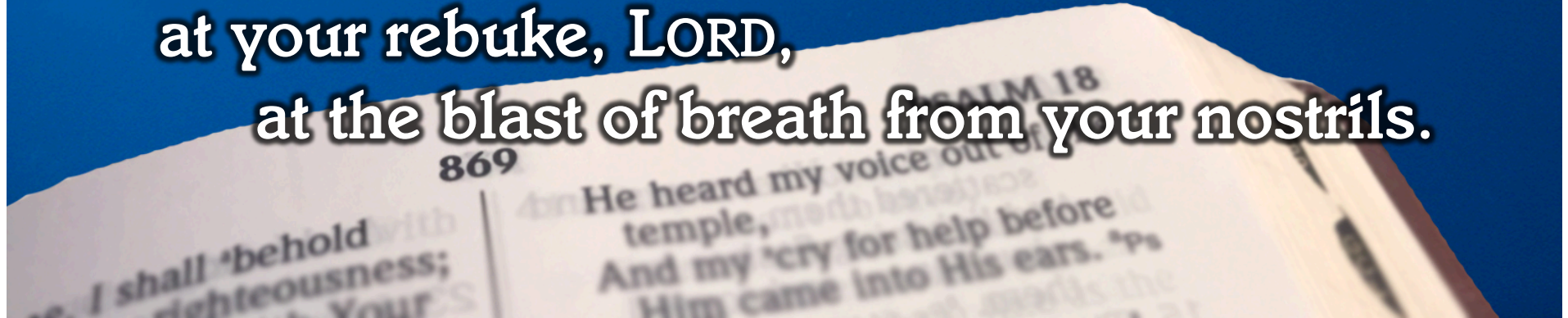
Psalm 18:12-13

Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced,
with hailstones and bolts of lightning.
The LORD thundered from heaven;
the voice of the Most High resounded.



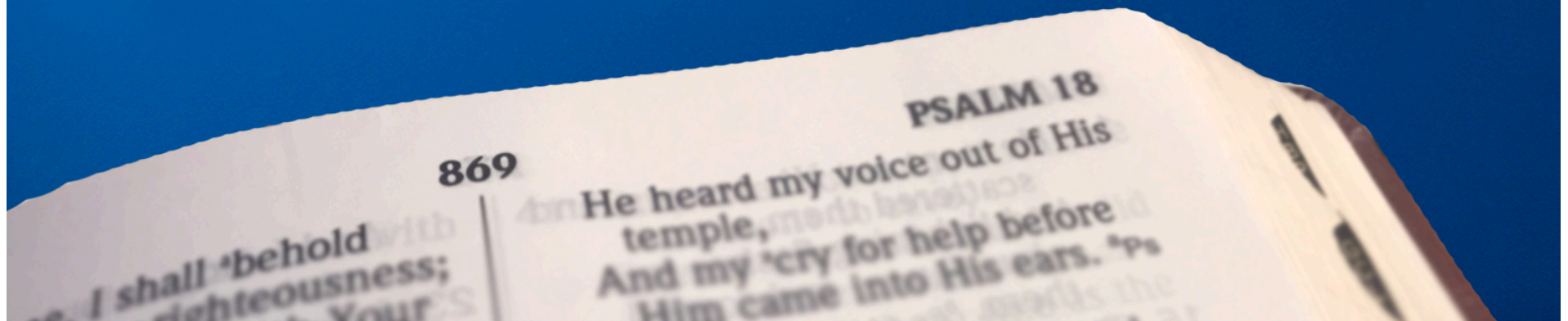
Psalm 18:14-15

He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy,
with great bolts of lightning he routed them.
The valleys of the sea were exposed
and the foundations of the earth laid bare
at your rebuke, LORD,
at the blast of breath from your nostrils.



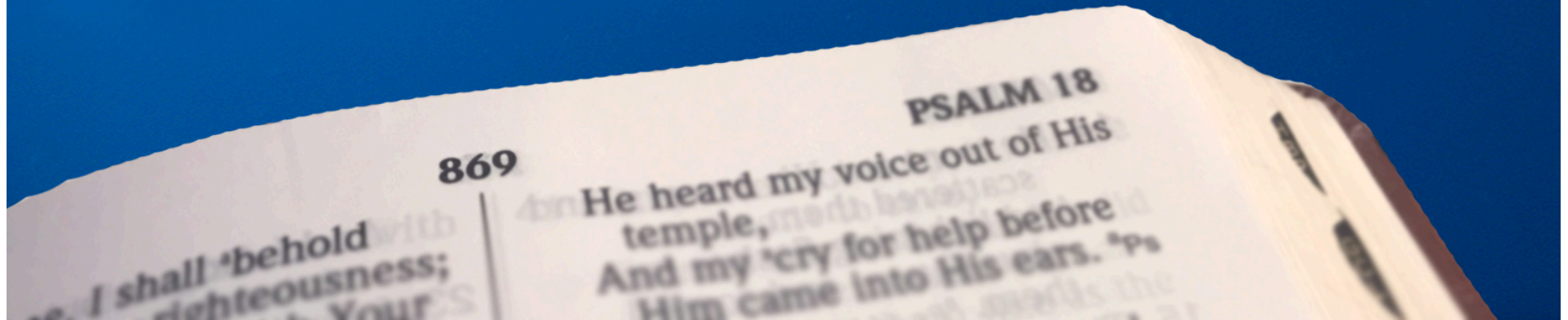
Psalm 18:16-17

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
he drew me out of deep waters.
He rescued me from my powerful enemy,
from my foes, who were too strong for me.



Psalm 18:18-19

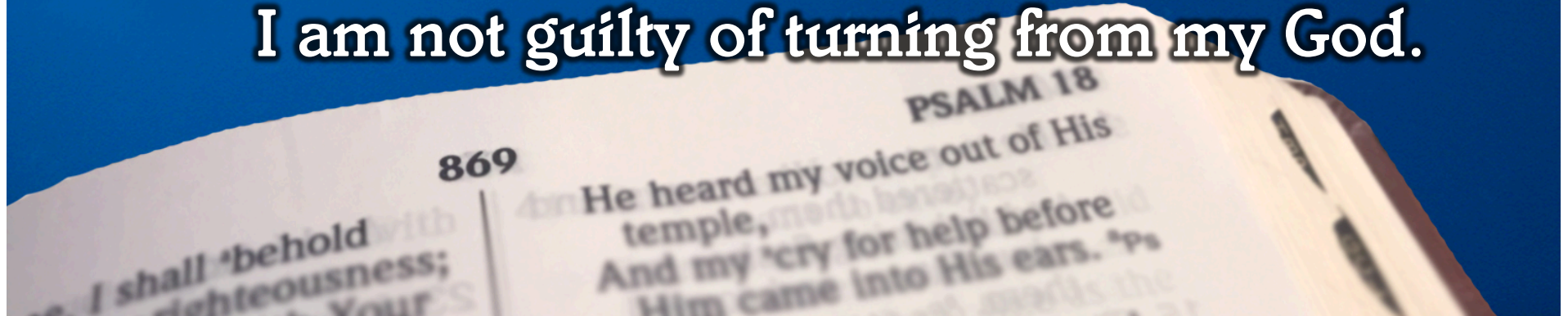
They confronted me in the day of my disaster,
but the LORD was my support.
He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.



Psalm 18:20-21

The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands
he has rewarded me.

For I have kept the ways of the LORD;
I am not guilty of turning from my God.



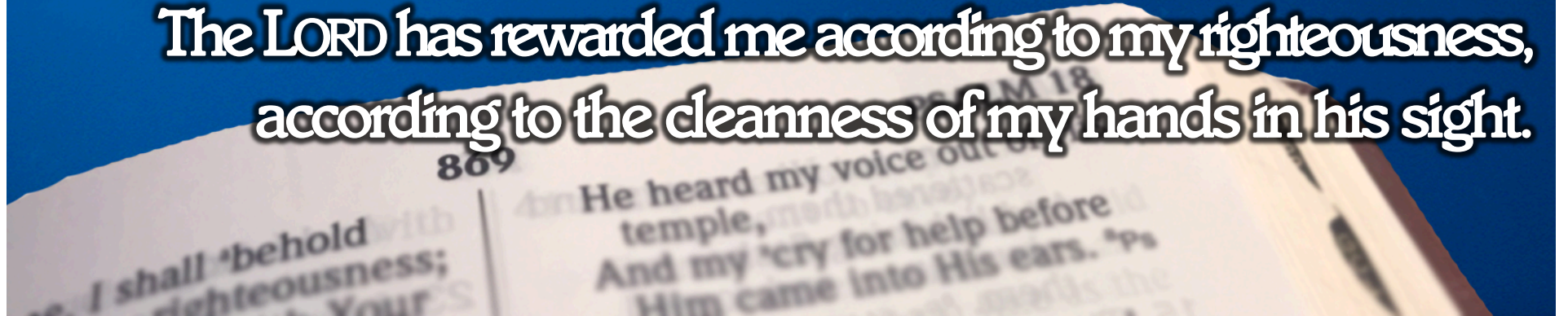
Psalm 18:22-24

All his laws are before me;

I have not turned away from his decrees.

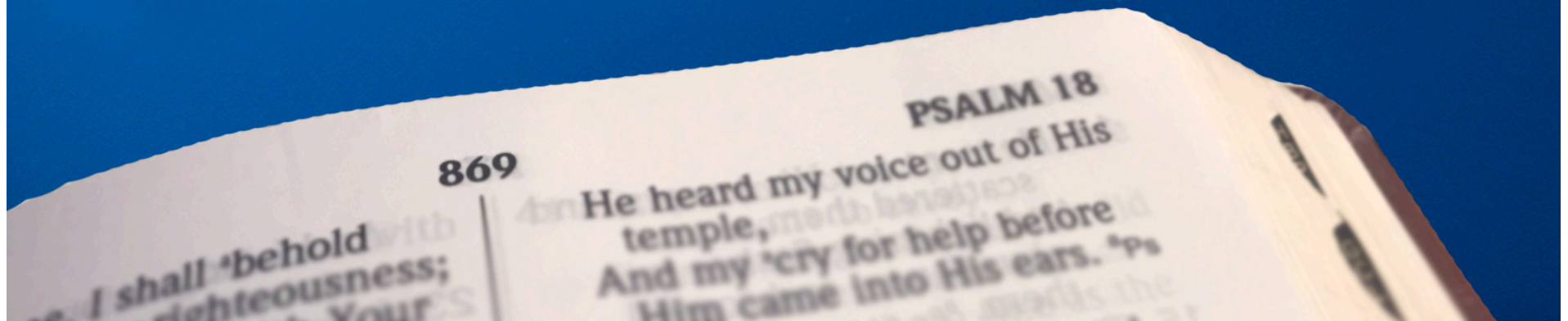
I have been blameless before him
and have kept myself from sin.

The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.



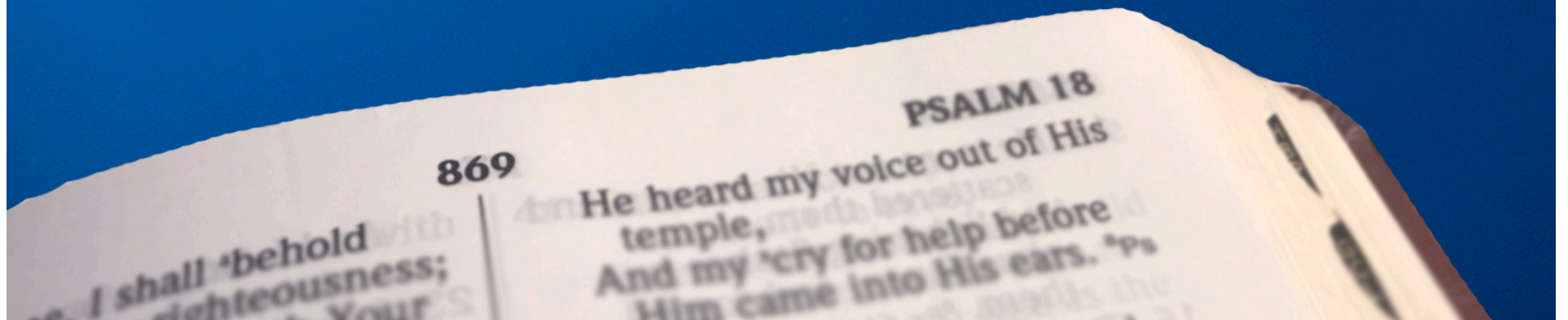
Psalm 18:25-26

To the faithful you show yourself faithful,
to the blameless you show yourself blameless,
to the pure you show yourself pure,
but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.



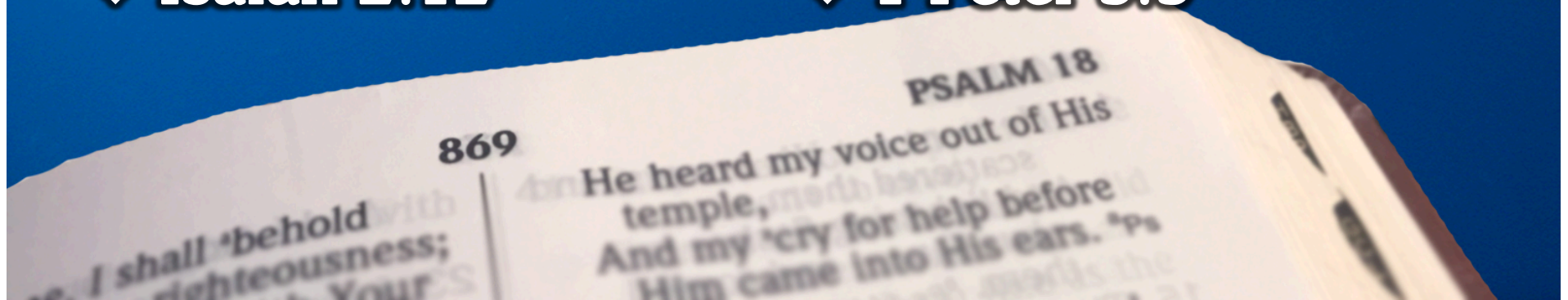
Psalm 18:27

You save the humble
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.



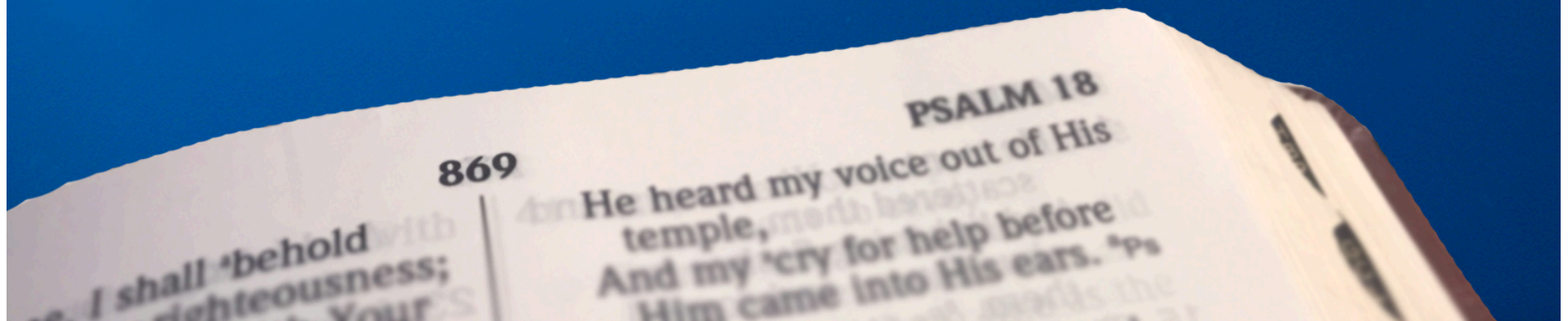
Humility > pride

- ❖ 2 Samuel 22:28
- ❖ Psalm 138:6
- ❖ Proverbs 15:25
- ❖ Isaiah 2:12
- ❖ Jeremiah 50:31
- ❖ Luke 1:51
- ❖ James 4:6
- ❖ 1 Peter 5:5



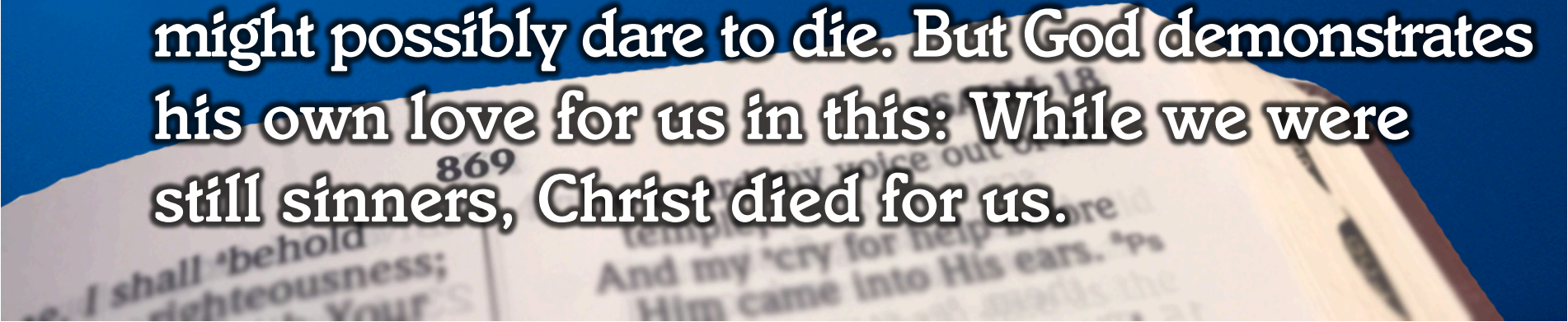
Psalm 18:28-29

You, LORD, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.
With your help I can advance against a troop;
with my God I can scale a wall.



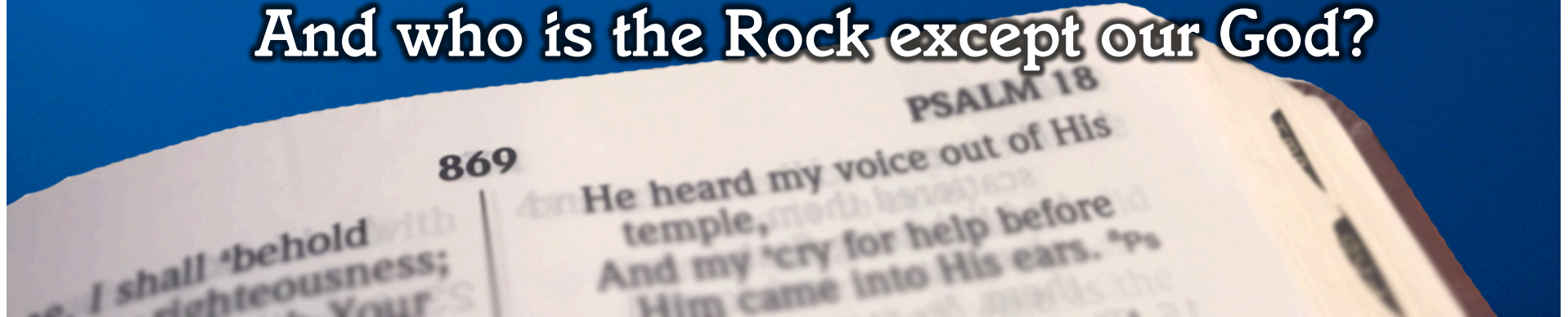
Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



Psalm 18:30-31

As for God, his way is perfect:
The LORD's word is flawless;
he shields all who take refuge in him.
For who is God besides the LORD?
And who is the Rock except our God?

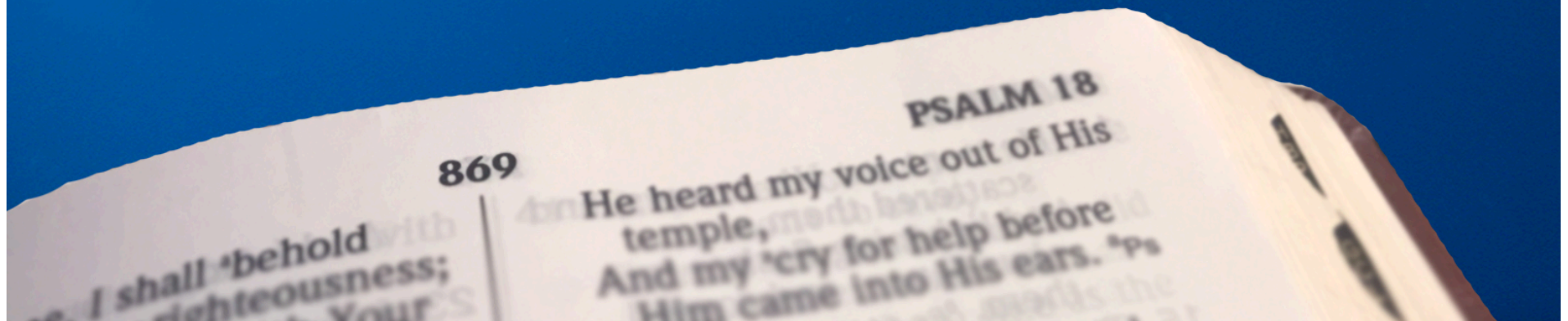


John 6:66-67

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

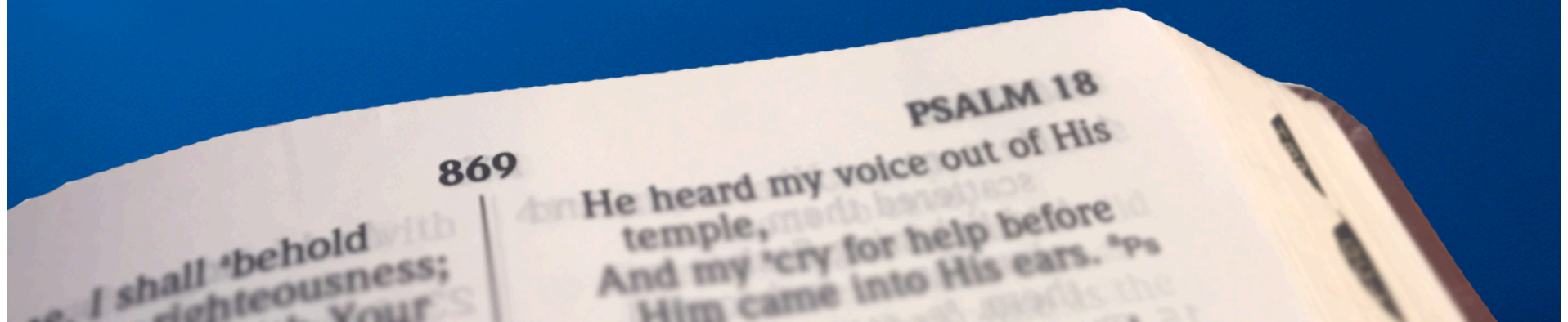
“You do not want to leave too, do you?”

Jesus asked the Twelve.



John 6:68-69

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

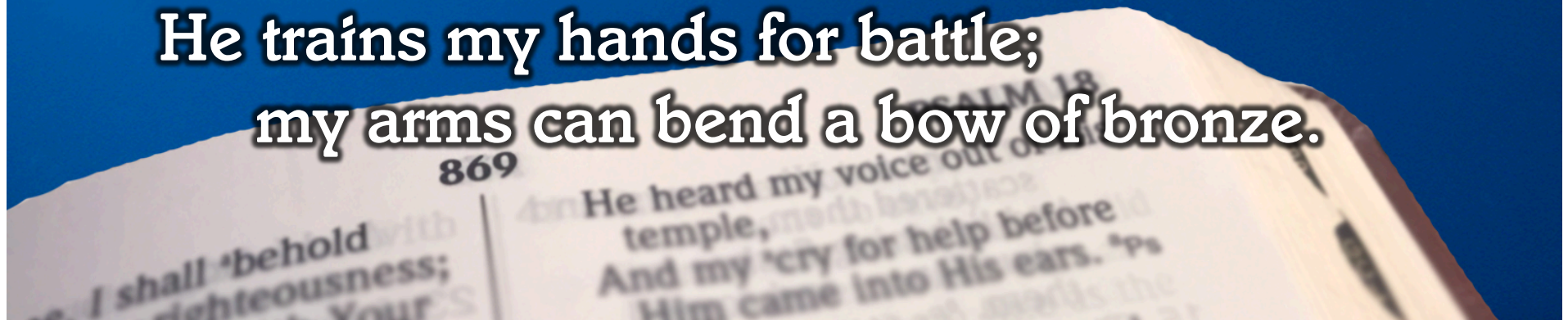


Psalm 18:32-34

It is God who arms me with strength
and keeps my way secure.

He makes my feet like the feet of a deer;
he causes me to stand on the heights.

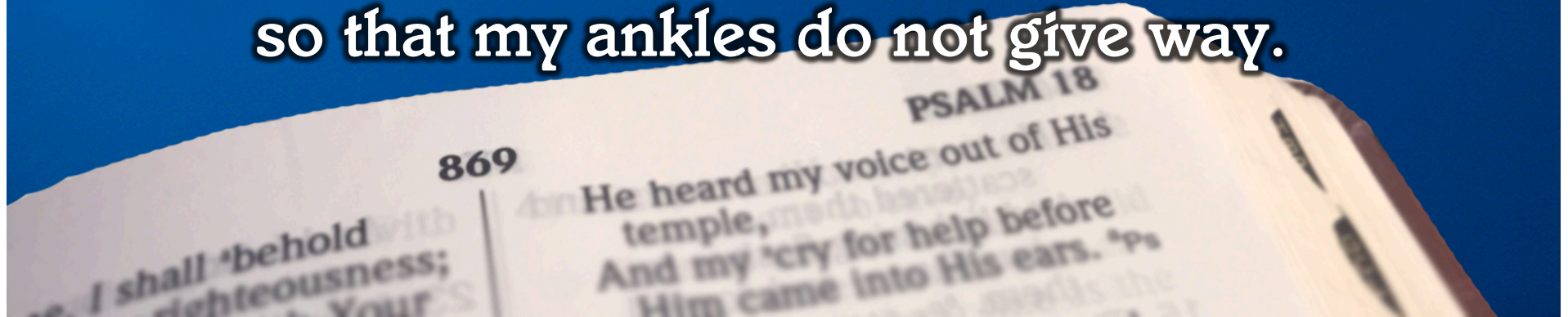
He trains my hands for battle;
my arms can bend a bow of bronze.



Psalm 18:35-36

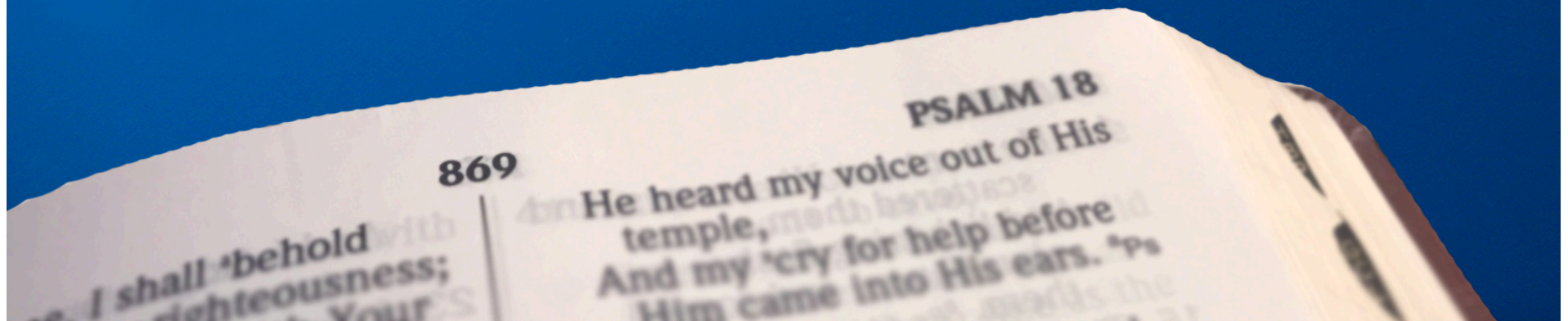
You make your saving help my shield,
and your right hand sustains me;
your help has made me great.

You provide a broad path for my feet,
so that my ankles do not give way.



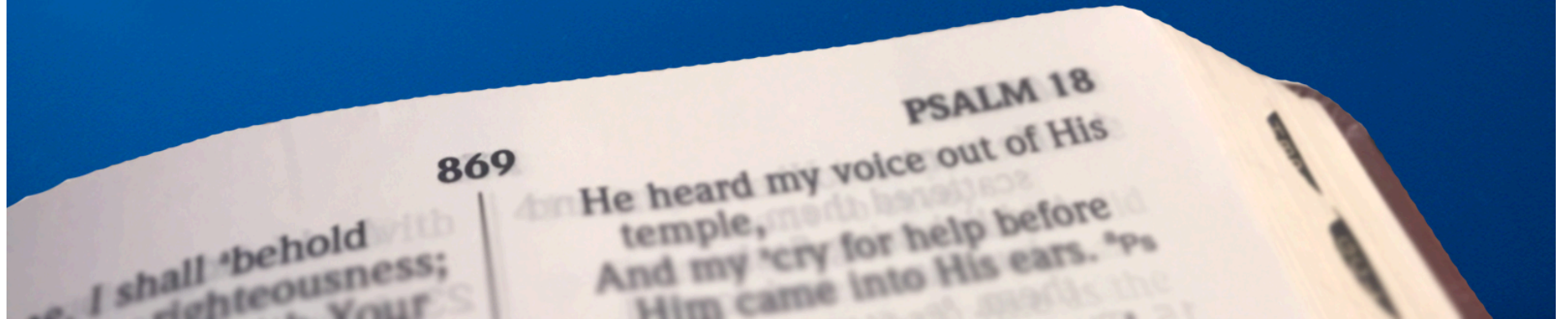
Psalm 18:37-38

I pursued my enemies and overtook them;
I did not turn back till they were destroyed.
I crushed them so that they could not rise;
they fell beneath my feet.



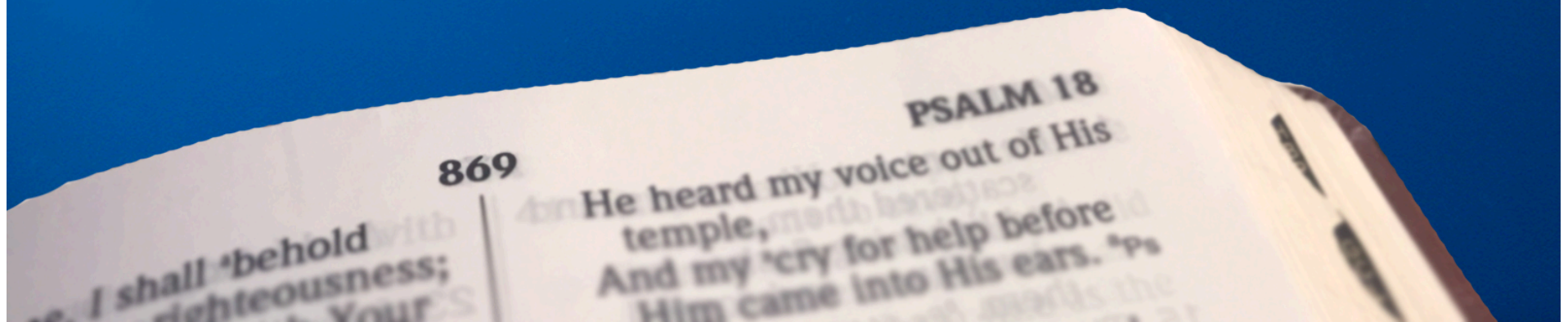
Psalm 18:39-40

You armed me with strength for battle;
you humbled my adversaries before me.
You made my enemies turn their backs in flight,
and I destroyed my foes.



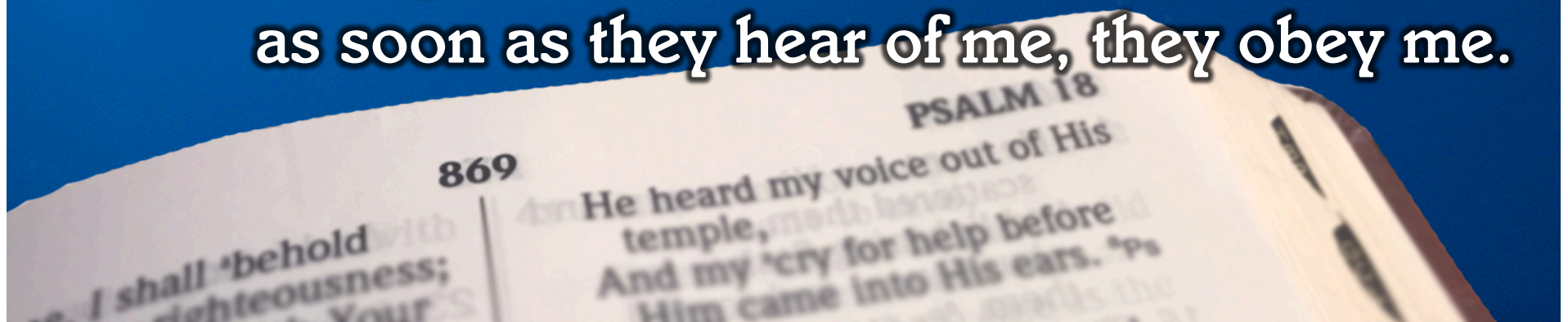
Psalm 18:41-42

They cried for help, but there was no one to save them —
to the LORD, but he did not answer.
I beat them as fine as windblown dust; I
trampled them like mud in the streets.



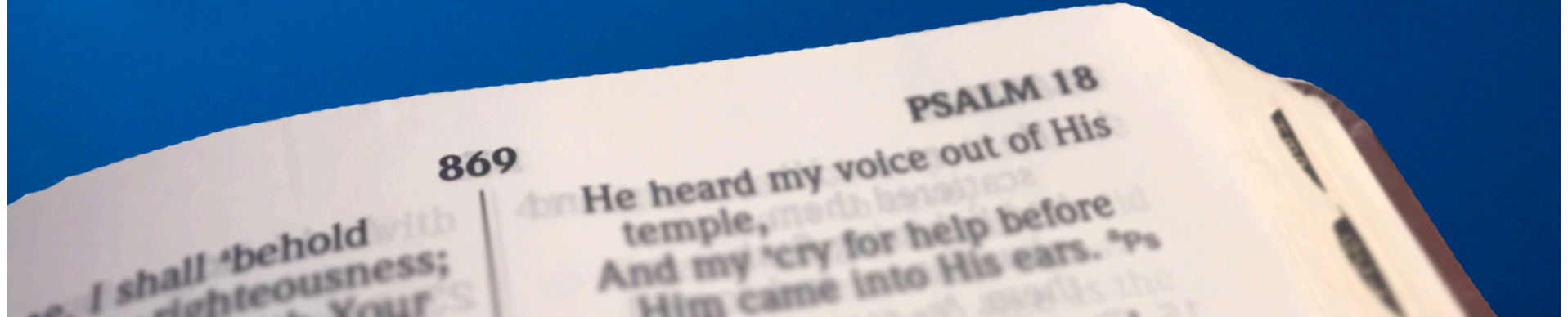
Psalm 18:43-44

You have delivered me from the attacks of the people;
you have made me the head of nations.
People I did not know now serve me,
foreigners cower before me;
as soon as they hear of me, they obey me.



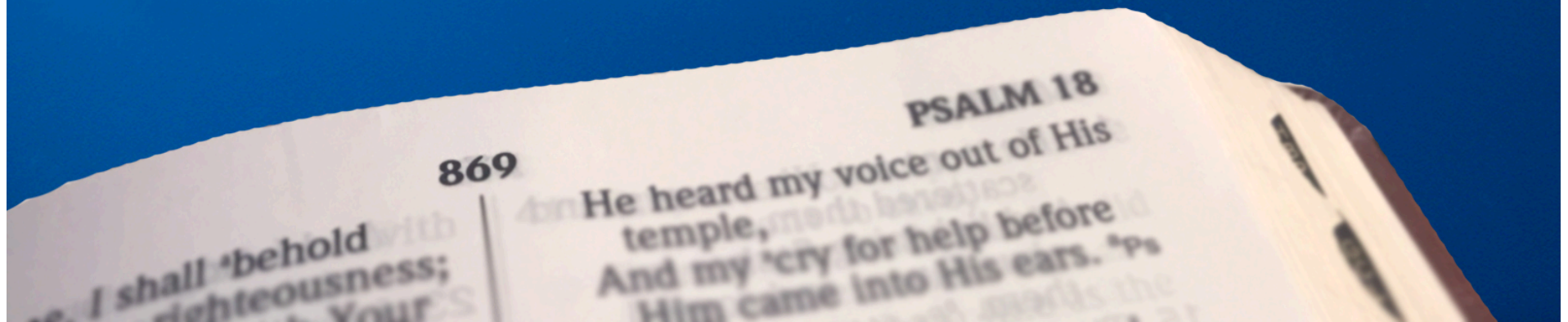
Psalm 18:45

**They all lose heart;
they come trembling from their strongholds.**



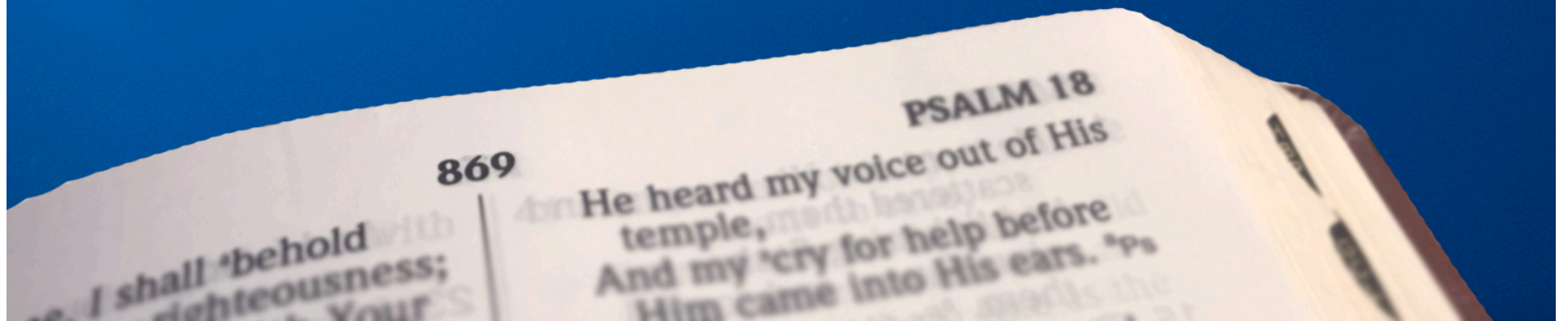
Psalm 18:46

The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!
Exalted be God my Savior!



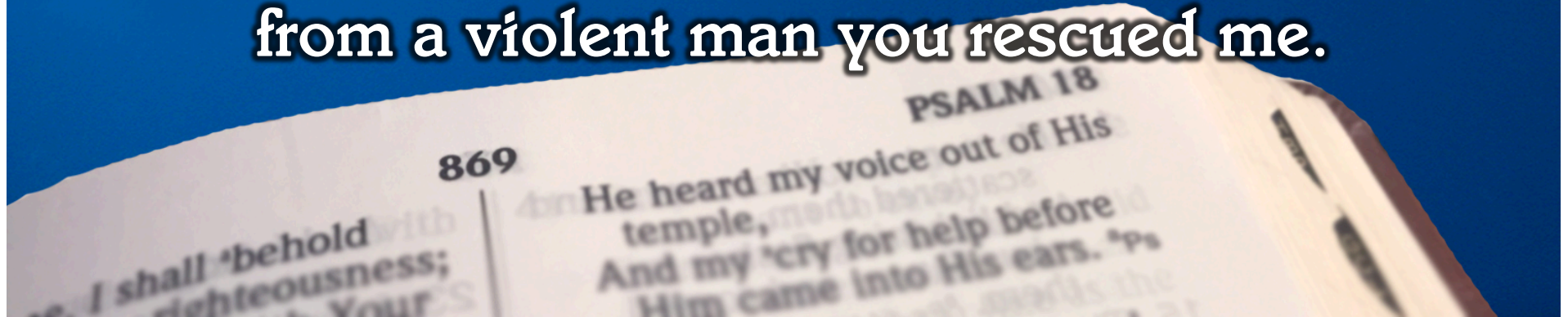
Friedrich Nietzsche:

“God is dead.”



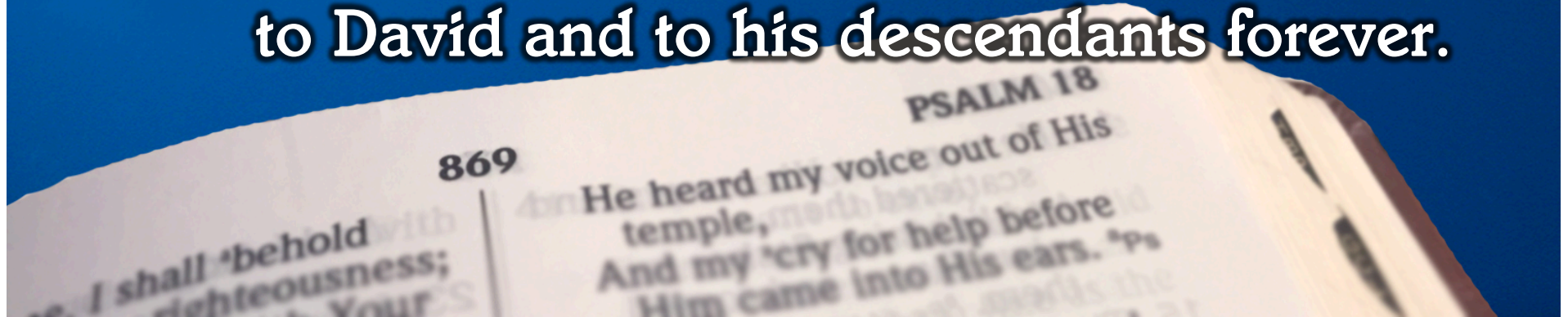
Psalm 18:47-48

He is the God who avenges me,
who subdues nations under me,
who saves me from my enemies.
You exalted me above my foes;
from a violent man you rescued me.



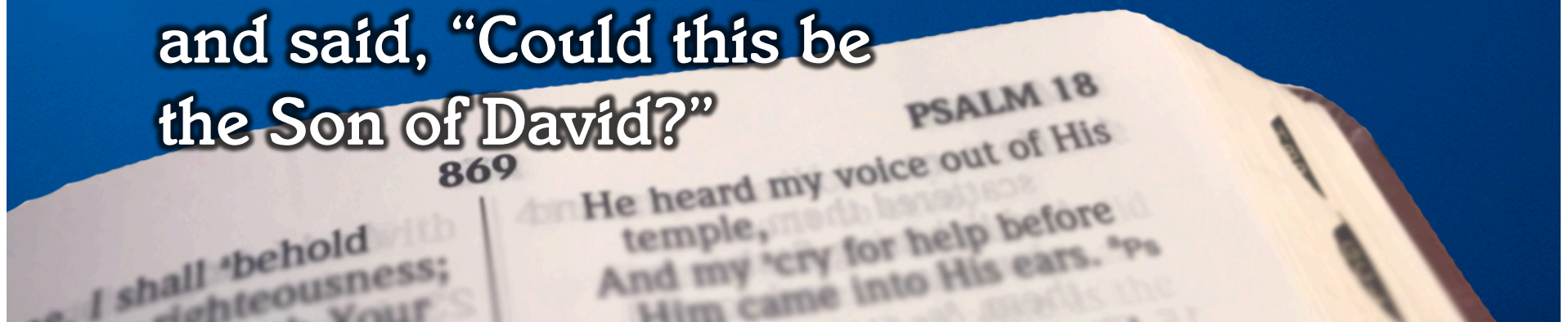
Psalm 18:49-50

Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations;
I will sing the praises of your name.
He gives his king great victories;
he shows unfailing love to his anointed,
to David and to his descendants forever.



Matthew 12:22-23

Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"



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- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

