

Evening Sermon Outline – March 24, 2019

“Rejoicing in God’s Strength” - Psalm 21

I. *The identity of the king / King –*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. <sup>1</sup> The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD;...

*The king here is David, it is his psalm but again also the Son of David our Lord Jesus Christ. There are parts of this Psalm which only apply to Him –*

<sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” Luke 1:32-33

<sup>16</sup> And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:16

II. *Both King and king, Jesus and David, rejoice in God’s strength and salvation -*

<sup>1</sup> The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

1. *This Psalm fits well right after Psalm 20 –*

<sup>7</sup> Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7

A. *There is a level of strength in horses, and chariots –*

\* *God speaks about the strength of a horse to Job –*

<sup>19</sup> “Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? <sup>20</sup> Can you frighten him like a locust? His majestic snorting strikes terror. <sup>21</sup> He paws in the valley, and rejoices in *his* strength; He gallops into the clash of arms. <sup>22</sup> He mocks at fear, and is not frightened; Nor does he turn back from the sword. <sup>23</sup> The quiver rattles against him, The glittering spear and javelin. <sup>24</sup> He devours the distance with fierceness and rage; Nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet *has* sounded. <sup>25</sup> At *the blast* of the trumpet he says, ‘Aha!’ He smells the battle from afar, The thunder of captains and shouting. Job 39:19-25

*Yet, God gave the horse its strength, and He is able to dismantle chariots –*

<sup>25</sup> And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.” Exodus 14:25

2. *We can thank God, praise God for His strength, rejoice in His strength because He is stronger than our enemies –*

A. *For David He was stronger than Goliath –*

<sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the LORD’s, and He will give you into our hands.” 1 Samuel 17:45-47

B. *For us He is stronger than the Devil, stronger than our sin, stronger than even Death –*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:10-12

<sup>55</sup> “O *Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

III. *He is able and does answer our prayers -*

<sup>2</sup> You have given him his heart’s desire, And have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah Psalm 21:2

*David’s prayer, Christ’s prayer, our prayer!*

IV. *He, God, gives a victory greeting and more -*

<sup>3</sup> For You meet him with the blessings of goodness;  
You set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

1. *David at least at first had such a greeting that caused him a lot of trouble -*

<sup>6</sup> Now it had happened as they were coming *home*, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments. <sup>7</sup> So the women sang as they danced, and said: **"Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."** <sup>8</sup> Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *only* thousands. Now *what* more can he have but the kingdom?" <sup>9</sup> So Saul eyed David from that day forward. 1 Samuel 18:6-9

A. *Such are earthly things, even victory is mixed with trouble ...*

B. *We may have a similar greeting but finally is great -*

<sup>23</sup> His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Matthew 25:23

2. *He asked for life, seems to refer to Christ, His resurrection -*

<sup>4</sup> He asked life from You, *and* You gave *it* to him— Length of days forever and ever. <sup>5</sup> His glory is great in Your salvation; Honor and majesty You have placed upon him. <sup>6</sup> For You have made him most blessed forever; You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence. Psalm 21:4-6

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. John 11:25

V. *There is a defeat here for those who do not trust God, for those who are God's enemies -*

<sup>7</sup> For the king trusts in the LORD, And through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved. <sup>8</sup> Your hand will find all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You. <sup>9</sup> You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger; The LORD shall swallow them up in His wrath, And the fire shall devour them. <sup>10</sup> Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth, And their descendants from among the sons of men. <sup>11</sup> For they intended evil against You; They devised a plot *which* they are not able to

*perform.* <sup>12</sup> Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready *Your arrows* on Your string toward their faces. Psalm 21:7-12

1. *God's man won't be moved meaning stability*
  - A. *This is because of faith, he trusts in the LORD*
  - B. *This is because of God's mercy*

2. *God's enemies cannot hide -*

<sup>8</sup> Your hand will find all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You. Psalm 21:8

*Even though they try to hide -*

<sup>14</sup> Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. <sup>15</sup> And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup> and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! <sup>17</sup> For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" Revelation 6:14-17

3. *They will have fire / pain - Psalm 21:9-10*

<sup>10</sup> he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." Revelation 14:10-11

4. *They have these things because they fight with or try to fight with God - :11-12*

VI. *Praising God for His strength, one more time! Some things are worth repeating -*

<sup>13</sup> Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

1. *Worth repeating because glorious!*
2. *Worth repeating because needful, we need to remember God's strength in our time of need!*

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