

Confidence in God's Steadfast Love

Psalm 21:1-13

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Psalm 20 Confidence in the God Who Saves 9/22/12019

Psalms 20 & 21 are a pair of royal psalms. Psalm 21 is a psalm of thanksgiving for answering the prayers of Psalm 20. There are a number of connections between the 2 Psalms.

Psalm 20:4 "May He grant you your heart's desire"

Psalm 21:2 "You have given him his heart's desire"

Psalm 20:5 "We will sing for joy over your victory/salvation"

Psalm 21:1 "And in Your salvation/victory how greatly we will rejoice."

Psalm 21:5 "His glory is great through Your salvation"

Psalm 20:7 "Some boast/trust in chariots and some in horses,
But we will boast/trust in the name of the LORD"

Psalm 21:7 "For the king trusts in the LORD"

Psalm 21 – Structure

A. The King's Joy in the LORD's Strength (v. 1)

B. God's Gifts to His King (vv. 2-6)

C. The King's Response (v. 7)

B¹. God's Judgement on His Enemies (vv. 8-12)

A¹. The People's Joy in the LORD's Strength (v. 13)

1. Believers are dependent on God's strength and joyfully praise Him for His salvation. (vv. 1, 13)

"O LORD, in Your strength the king will be glad,
And in Your salvation how greatly will he rejoice!" (v. 1)

Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength;
We will sing and praise Your power. (v. 13)

The Song of Moses - Exodus 15:1-13

Ephesians 6:10 - "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might."

2. God's blesses His king (and His covenant people) with good things and curses His enemies with judgement. (vv. 2-6, 8-12)

Blessings: (vv. 2-6)

You have given him his heart's desire,
You have not withheld the request of his lips." Selah (v. 2)

For You meet him with the blessings of good things;
You set a crown of fine gold on his head. (v. 3)

He asked life of You,
You gave it to him,
Length of days forever and ever. (v. 4)

His glory is great through Your salvation,
Splendor and majesty You place upon him. (v. 5)

For You make him most blessed forever;
You make him joyful with gladness in your presence. (v. 6)

Curses: (vv. 8-12)

Your hand will find out all your enemies;
Your right hand will find out those who hate you. (v. 8)

You will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger;
The LORD will swallow them up in His wrath,
And fire will devour them. (v. 9)

Their offspring You will destroy from the earth,
And their descendants from among the sons of men. (v. 10)

Though they intended evil against You
And devised a plot,
They will not succeed. (v. 11)

For You will make them turn their back;
You will aim with Your bowstring at their faces. (v. 12)

3. God's king (and His covenant people) experience His blessings because they trust in Him and His steadfast love. (v. 7)

For the king trusts in the LORD,

And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he will not be shaken.

Application:

1. How do we respond to the Lord when He answers our prayers?
Do we joyfully praise Him?

2. The Lord's steadfast love is the foundation and anchor that hold the believer firm and secure in the midst of life's difficulties.

3. The ultimate fulfillment of this psalm is found in the object of a person's hope and trust. Those who trust in the Lord Jesus and are reconciled to God will ultimately experience the joy and blessings of His presence while those who remain God's enemies will experience His just condemnation.

Who are you trusting in for your salvation? Jesus Christ or someone/something else?