

## PSALMS 21

### THANKSGIVING FOR VICTORY (verses 1-6)

{21:1} O LORD, the king rejoices in your strength. How great is his joy in the victories you give!

In his humility, David realized that all he had was a result of the grace of God. David was careful to give God the credit for the successes he had. As a Messianic Psalm, we see a foreshadowing of the words of Jesus who testified that He did only the will of His Father, spoke the words of His Father and the did the works of His Father.

{2} You have granted him the desire of his heart and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah {3}

You welcomed him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head. {4} He asked you for life, and you gave it to him-- length of days, for ever and ever.

God delights to give us the desires of our hearts when our hearts are in tune with His will.

(Notice that verse 21:2 is an acknowledgment of having received the requested favor in verse 20:4) We cannot expect God to give us the desires of our hearts if we are desiring the wrong things.

The rich blessings of God provide all we need in this life and in eternity. Paul wrote that God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. The crown was given to David for an earthly reign, the real crown belongs to Christ Jesus Who is the King of kings. Since we are in Christ, He has made us a kingdom of priest unto God and as such we are given a crown of eternal life. Most of would like a long and productive life; however, the true blessing of eternal life is more than our finite minds can comprehend.

{5} Through the victories you gave, his glory is great; you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.

{6} Surely you have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence.

David experienced a token of the glory that was and will be bestowed upon Christ who has gained the ultimate victory. When we have God in our lives we can experience a measure of the joy that will one day be ours without measure. As Isaiah wrote (64:4), as Paul quoted in 1 Corinthians 2:9 and David penned in Psalm 31:19 we can't even image the goodness God has prepared for us.

### ANTICIPATION OF CONTINUED SUCCESS

{7} For the king trusts in the LORD; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken.

The key to accessing the blessing of God and to be pleasing to Him is to trust Him completely. If we have confidence in the all-powerful God of Creation and realize that He loves us more than we can comprehend, then we can stand firm knowing that He is in control of all things.

{8} Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies; your right hand will seize your foes. {9} At the time of your appearing you will make them like a fiery furnace. In his wrath the LORD will swallow them up, and his fire will consume them. {10} You will destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from mankind.

Victory belongs to God. Those who oppose the will and purpose of God and refuse to acknowledge His lordship will suffer eternal loss that is pictured as an everlasting fire that consumes. In a historical setting many nations that had opposed God have ceased to exist as nations. God's judgement are carried out in both time and eternity.

{11} Though they plot evil against you and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed; {12} for you will make them turn their backs when you aim at them with drawn bow.

If it were not so tragic, it would be humorous to think that mere man (or even a group of people) would stand in opposition to the omnipotent Creator of the Universe. How utterly

foolish! God is eternal and He wins! Even selfish motives would point us to aligning ourselves with God. However, when we see the grace and love that emanate from God, then we are drawn to Him because of Who He is and not because of concern from self.

{13} Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength; we will sing and praise your might.

Not only is our God loving and full of grace, He is also all powerful and mighty. He is an awesome God and we can do no less than praise Him when we know Him.