

## King David Rejoices in the Lord's Strength.

### Psalms 21

This morning we want to look at King David and his blessings being returned to God for the blessings granted to him by God. People who are blessed of God in any form, but especially when it is our request in prayer should forever praise God. God is good to us, so good He sent His only Begotten Son in the form of man, in the likeness of sinful flesh to suffer in our stead and take our sins to the cross to redeem us from eternal destruction in hell's flames. This is an eternal rejoicing we ought to have, just as it is for our Saviour who was rejoicing in His crucifixion. Jesus did His Father's will, even though it led to His death, and He rejoices even today that He was able to suffer greatly in our place. We also should eternally rejoice to do the Father's will no matter where that will lead us, jail, to the worst works imaginable, even if it leads to death, it is ours to eternally rejoice in. Our life as Christians should be searching for the work God has for us, and when the Lord tells us, we should have an eternal rejoicing in doing it. Even if it leads us to living without and naked all of our days in this life, because just knowing our service to the Lord is an eternal rejoicing not a temporal one.

A. David said, *"The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!"*

1. Let's see the prayer, **Psalms 20:4 - 6** *"Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. (5) We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions. (6) Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand."*
2. King David asked for God's help in everything, for God's strength in everything, and God granted their prayers.
3. David's praise was V. 2 *"Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips."* What a blessing, what a reason to praise God.
4. Listen to God as He speaks to King David, **Psalms 2:8 - 9** *"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. (9) Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*
  - a. Why would God make such a promise to King David? Look at V. 7 *"I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee."*
  - b. Notice the word (decree) of God, people fail today to notice this. As Christians, we live everyday by God's ordained will and things decreed by Him.

- c. Job said, **Job 23:13** *"I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee."*
  - d. **Isaiah 46:9 - 11** *"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, (10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: (11) Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it."*
  - e. King David was blessed with eternal blessings in his prayer and God's answer and so will we be.
- B. David's real praise to God, V. 5 *"His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him."*
1. This glory is for God, it was God's decreed or appointed will that brought all this about. This did not just come about, no, God ordained it all. This is how God gets glory from us, just as He did for Jesus, everything is for God's glory in our Christian life.
  2. Look at the Honor and majesty God laid upon King David.
    - a. In making him a king, / in the victories and triumphs which King David was granted, placing on his head as it were, a brighter crown; / and in the promised perpetuity of his reign. Oh, God was good to David and God is good to us, we are living life as God has ordained it. What an eternal blessing.
    - b. We also need to dwell on God's eternal blessings on us as believers in Jesus Christ. The fact that God has redeemed us, in the manner in which our redemption was accomplished, in our adoption into the family of God, in our blessedness beyond the grave into eternity.
    - c. God has ordained our earthly life as He has chosen, we have nothing to glory of except to glory in God through Jesus Christ. **Psalms 62:6 - 8** *"He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. (7) In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. (8) Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah."*
  3. Gods blessings we on David, Jesus Christ, and us all that are His children, and God's blessings to us are our eternal blessings to God.
- C. In conclusion, our victory in life is God's blessings to us.

1. **Verses 8 - 10** *"Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. (9) Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. (10) Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men."*
2. Our victory in life is God's blessings on us. God's decrees and His ordained will should cause us to faithfully trust and follow God's word. God is Sovereign and no one can lay anything to God's elect. **Romans 8:33 - 39** *"Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. (34) Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. (35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
3. God blessed King David's prayer with a positive answer because David prayer according to God's will. God will also answer our prayer in the same fashion. **1 John 5:13 - 15** *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (14) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: (15) And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."*