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Psalm Chapter 20 NIV

David probably composed this Psalm to express the prayers of the pious for his success. It is the will of God that prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings, should be made, in special manner, for kings and all that is in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-3). This Psalm is a prayer, and next a thanksgiving, for the King. David was a military prince, much in war. In this Psalm we can see, (1) what it is they implore God for the King, verses 1-4, (11) with what assurance they declare it. The people triumph (verse 5), the prince (verse 6), both together (verses 7-8), and he concludes with a prayer to God for audience, verse 9.

Prayer for Victory over the Enemies:

Vs.1) May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of God of Jacob protect you.

The LORD hear (answer) you when you are in distress or (trouble); the people intercede for their king in a “clay of trouble” or “distress”, when danger impends, and he is about to affront it. They are made to ask, first of all, that God will hear the king’s prayers while they also prayer for him.

The name of God of Jacob; “Jacobs’s God “---a favorite expression with David—is the God who made him (**Jacob**) the promise, “I will be with thee, and I will keep thee in all places whither thou goes” (**Gen. 28:15**)

Protect or defend you; for the **God of Jacob**, to set David the king up on high as in a fortress, out of reach of foes to a triumphant height.

Ps. 69:29) I am in pain and distress; may your salvation, O God, protect me.

Ps. 91:14) because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledge my name.

Vs.2) May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

Send thee help; the necessary help that he needed to keep him safe.

From the sanctuary; from the tabernacle, or holy place where God was worshipped and where He was supposed to reside. This is where the ark then was; the symbol of God divine presence.

Grant you support (or strengthen you); in conflict; even physical benefits may be included, as in courage for war. The idea is that God would grant his support and His upholding hand in the day of trouble.

Ps. 18:32) it is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

Ps. 18:35) you gave me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustain me; you stoop down and make me great.

Rom. 9:33) whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.

Ps. 27:1) the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.

Vs.3) May he remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice

Offerings; offerings of any kind were presented to God as an expression of thankfulness or with an exptation to obtain God's favor. **(Except a bloody sacrifice).**

Accept your Bunt sacrifice; bloody offerings, these were done for sin and securing Devine favor. They were an acknowledgement of guilt and to secure pardon of sins and in connection with that, favor of God.

Lev. 9:24) Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.

What God wanted and wants is a better sacrifice.

Jesus sacrifice made all the animals and ritual performances obsolete. Only Jesus sacrifice has the power to actually forgive sins and change lives.

Heb. 10: 5-9) Therefore, when Christ came into the world, He said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me, (6) with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. (7) Then I said, here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, O God.

Vs.4) May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

Desires of your heart; whatever thy heart desire in connection with his undertakings as king and for his people. Also, that God would crown his enterprise with success.

Our first step to victory in Spiritual warfare is to trust only in the mercy and grace of God; all who trust in themselves will **soon** be cast down.

Amos 5:40 AMPV.) For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: Seek Me (inquire for Me and require Me as you require food) and you shall live.

Ps.50:15) call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me

Rom. 8:28) “We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.

Pro. 16:3) Commit to the LORD whatever you do and your plans will be established.

Vs.5) May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of God. May the LORD grant all your petitions.

We will shout for joy over your victory; the people showed their confidence in God and their assurance of victory.

We will lift up our banners; in the way of triumph, which among other ways, was celebrated by the setting up of banners or trophies.

In the name of God; that is to the honor of God, and their dependence on Him.

May the LORD grant all your request (or desirers).

John 14: 13-14) I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. (14) You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Vs.6) now this I know: The LORD gives victory to His anointed. He answers him from His heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of His right hand.

The LORD gives victory (saves) His anointed; the King, who had been anointed to or consecrated by anointing to that office.

His heavenly sanctuary (holy heaven); the heaven of His holiness, “where He resides”.

Ps. 11:4) The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD is on His heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; His eyes examine them.

Ps. 14:2) The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek Him.

Victorious power (strength) of His right hand; with mighty acts of deliverance brought by the right hand of the most high.

Ex. 15:6) your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

Ps. 18:35) you gave me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great.

Vs.7) some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Isa. 31:1) woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in their abundance of chariots and their multitude of horsemen. They do not seek the LORD.

Ps. 33:16-17) there is no king saved by the multitude of host: A horse is a vain hope for salvation; even its great strength cannot save.

Pro. 21:31) a horse is prepared for the day of battle, but victory is the LORD.

Vs.8) they are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

They are brought to their knees and fallen; from their horses and chariots, to which they trusted. (Heb. They bowed down,) as being unable to stand longer, because of their mortal wounds. They are subdued. They did not put their trust in God.

The victory of Jesus is the inheritance of His people. The world, death, Satan and sin shall be trampled beneath the feet of champions of faith; while those who rely upon an arm of flesh shall be ashamed. (**Jamieson-Fausset-Brown commentary**).

We rise up and stand firm; we have straighten ourselves up from our distress and fears as conquerors do.

Isa. 54:15) If any one dose attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you.

Pro.19:23) the fear of the LORD leads to life: then one rest content, untouched by trouble.

Isa. 54:17) No weapon formed against you shall prosper or prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.

Pro. 14:11) the house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.

Concluding Prayer of the People

Vs.9) O LORD, give victory to the king! Answer us when we call!

O LORD, “Yahweh” give victory (save) the King; this **earnest** prayer for the earthly king is addressed to the heavenly **KING** whose representative he is.

Prayer must be consistent with confident anticipation of success in any plans that we make or undertakings that we take.

Prov. 16:3) Commit your works (plans) to the LORD and your plans will succeed.

Phil. 4:6-7) do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (7) And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

Here (answer) us when we call; the desire of God’s blessing goes out in the form of an **earnest** prayer, for only God, the great king, King of all Kings, the supreme monarch, King of all nations can grant the desires of thy heart.

Isa. 45:19) turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

Isa. 12:2) “behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He is my salvation.