

Psalm 21

Rejoicing in God's Strength

-A Psalm of David

-Those who love God are blessed by God (v.1-7, 13)

-Those who hate God will receive God's wrath (v. 8-12)

The king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord, and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! (v. 1)

- Written in 3rd person
 - The king – David
 - The king – Saints
- God's STRENGTH
- God's SALVATION

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah. For Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. (v. 2-3)

- God blesses us with our heart's desire and doesn't withhold blessings from us
- "Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness"
 - Prevent (Archaic): to precede, to anticipate
- "Set a crown of pure gold on his head"
 - To honor with blessings, riches, dignity and good things
 - God values the king

He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever. His glory is great in thy salvation: honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him. For Thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance. For the king trusteth in the Lord, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved. (v. 4-7)

- "Asked life of Thee" – With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation (Psalm 91:16)
 - Life; Salvation
- God is glorified in honoring man with His salvation
 - PUT blessings upon man (gave, laid upon, has made)
- "Thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance"
 - God's presence
 - God's attention

Thine hand shall find out all Thine enemies: Thy right hand shall find out those that hate Thee. 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. Their fruit shalt Thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men. (v. 9-10)

- "In the Time" – There is a time that is set aside for God's anger to be poured out

- God will destroy the: Fruit, Seed, Root of the wicked
 - Wheat and Tares (Matthew 13:30)
 - God knows how to sort between the good and the bad, the just and the unjust, the holy and the wicked
- God's ways are perfect, we can trust Him to do this well (Psalm 12:6 – The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.)

For they intended evil against Thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform. Therefore shalt Thou make them turn their back, when Thou shalt make ready Thine arrows upon Thy strings against the face of them. (v. 11-12)

- “They are not able to perform” – There is no council against the Lord (Proverbs 21:30)
- Imagination is powerful – all that they imagined to do they could do (Genesis 11:6)
 - Must think and imagine in line with the Word of truth
 - Casting down imaginations and every high thing that tries to exalt itself over the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 10:5)
 - God's imaginations and thoughts/plans toward us are good (Jeremiah 29:11)

Be Thou exalted, Lord in Thine own strength: so will we sing and praise Thy power. (v. 13)

- Resting in God's Strength (power)
- Blessings are PUT upon the righteous; wrath is PUT upon the wicked. Man has no control over God's strength to do this.
- We can trust God! He righteously exercises His power