

The Battle Belongs to the Lord
Psalms 20-21

#1: Praying Before Battle (20:1-9)

A. Petitions for the King (1-5)

- ¹ May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
 May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- ² May he send you help from the sanctuary
 and give you support from Zion!
- ³ May he remember all your offerings
 and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*
- ⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire
 and fulfill all your plans!
- ⁵ May we shout for joy over your salvation,
 and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!

B. Statements of Confidence (6-8)

- ⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
 he will answer him from his holy heaven
 with the saving might of his right hand.
- ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
 but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- ⁸ They collapse and fall,
 but we rise and stand upright.

C. Concluding Plea (9)

- ⁹ O LORD, save the king!
 May he answer us when we call.

#2: Rejoicing After Victory (21:1-13)

A. The King's Joy (1-6)

- ¹ O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices,
 and in your salvation how greatly he exults!
- ² You have given him his heart's desire
 and have not withheld the request of his lips. *Selah*
- ³ For you meet him with rich blessings;
 you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- ⁴ He asked life of you; you gave it to him,
 length of days forever and ever.
- ⁵ His glory is great through your salvation;
 splendor and majesty you bestow on him.
- ⁶ For you make him most blessed forever;
 you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

B. The King's Trust (7)

⁷ For the king trusts in the LORD,
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

C. The King's Future Victories (8-12)

⁸ Your hand will find out all your enemies;
your right hand will find out those who hate you.
⁹ You will make them as a blazing oven
when you appear.
The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath,
and fire will consume them.
¹⁰ You will destroy their descendants from the earth,
and their offspring from among the children of man.
¹¹ Though they plan evil against you,
though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.
¹² For you will put them to flight;
you will aim at their faces with your bows.

Revelation 19

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

2 Thessalonians 1

⁵ This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

D. Concluding Praise (13)

¹³ Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength!
We will sing and praise your power.